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President Nyerere of Tanania who chaired the weekend ressing, made it clear at a ould support fully the stance dopted by the Patriotic Front. In a statement after the recting ended President lyerere said that the repreentatives of Angola, Botswana, lozambique, Tanzania and ambia had decided to give

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front to enable the Front to achieve its objectives in the struggle in Zimbabwe."

However, he did give a guarded indication that the guerrilla war in Rhodesia would be brought to an end once there was a genuine move towards majority rule. But the President was non-

But the President was noncommittal about the front-line
leaders' attitude towards the
proposals which Mr Richard
has been putting forward during his southorn African tour.
Asked whether Mr Richard
could "take comfort" as a
result of their deliberations, he
replied, laughing: "If he does
then we will be very happy."

The weekend meeting was
attended by President Machel
of Mozambique, President
Kaunda of Zambia, Dr Quett
Masire, Vice-President of Botswana, and Angola's roving am-

swana, and Angola's roving am-bassador, Mr Pasco Luvuala. Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo

were also present at this moro-ing's session. The front-line leaders did not see Mr Sithole or Mr James Chikerema, who was representing Bishop Muzo-It remains to be seen whether the gap can be bridged between the proposals for an interim government which Mr Richard

has been canvassing round southern Africa and the position adopted by the Patriotic

Mr Nkomo, who welcomed today's declaration of support by
the front line states, said this
evening that the Front's pesiday mass not negotiable but Lard Avon tion was not negotiable. we are prepared to listen to other people's ideas".

posing a 25-man council of ministers to rule the country during the interim period, of whom four-fifths would be members of "the liberation movement". It supports the idea of a British resident commissioner during the transitional stage.

However, on the all-important question of law and order

and defence, the Front has made clear that these must be in African hands.

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Lord Avon flown home from US seriously ill

Lord Avon, the former Prime Minister, was seriously ill at his country home in Wiltshire yesterday evening after being flown from the United States with his wife in an RAF VC 10 aircraft.

He was seen by two doctors at his home, Manor House, Alvediston, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, after arriving there from RAF Lyneham. At 4.30 om his private secretary, on behalf of the doctors, issued the following statement:

"Lord Avon's health has de-teriorated rapidly in recent days due to progressing liver failure. Therefore, in conformity with his wishes, it was decided to bring him back to England. He is being cared for at his home in Wiltshire."

The secretary said she was unable to give any further information.

the two doctors, said that Lord Avon, who is 79, was still con-scious and "very happy to be back home". The other doctor with Lord Avon is Dr Christo-

Lord and Lady Avon had been in Florida on holiday. On Saturday the Prime Minister received a telephone call from the Avon family, and he then arranged for the RAF to bring Lord Avon home.

A statement from 10 Downing Street said: "Lord Avon was taken ill in Florida. His family called the Prime Minister and Mr Callaghan called the RAF and ordered them to bring him nome." The decision to send an RAF aircraft was taken mainly because of Lord Avon's serious condition, although a buggage handlers' strike at Heathrow Airport had in any case caused the cancellation of from Miami to London.

The VC 10 aircraft, which had a medical team on board arrived after an eight-hour flight at RAF Lyncham at 10.11 am. Lord Avon was transferred to an ambulance and driven under police escort to his home 47 miles away. The journey took two hours. Following his ambulance was another, be-lieved to be carrying members of the medical team.

During the journey across Salisbury Piain and along country roads, the vehicles slowed to a crawl on rough surfaces and around sharp bends. As Lord Avon was carried on a stretcher from the ambu-lance into his house in heavy rain, nurses and medical atten-

Lord Avon was, as Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister from April, 1955, to January, 1957, a period which included the Suez crisis. He also served as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs for a total of 14 years. His arrival back in Britain vesterday was 20 years

to the day after his resignation as Prime Minister on health grounds. In 1957 he had a serious operation for a bile duct obstruction. His health has been poor for some time. had told his family that if his

life became in danger he wanted

Signs of police state as censorship is clamped on Lebanon

Nicosia, Jan 9 Less than three months after the end of its terrible civil war. Lebanon, once the freest and most liberal country in the Arab world, is taking on the appearance of a police state.

Every newspaper and magazine is heavily censored and the population lives largely in ignorance of the shootings and killings that are still going ou

in their country. Left-wing politicians and their supporters say privately that they fear the authorities may soon imprison any political opposition. The public voice of he Palestimans, which for more than a quarter of a century was heard freely in Beirut, has been

At least one street execution by Syrians has been reported in the Lebanese capital, while only yesterday more than 100 Lebanese soldiers, enraged at the kidnap and murder of three leading Muslims, staged a mutiny in a barracks in west

The watch kept by police on foreigners has now reached such proportions that Lebanon's national airline, Middle East Airlines, was last week told to supply false boarding cards to police agents so that travellers in the departure lounge of Beirut international could be scrutinized.

effectively and totally silenced by the Government within the last three days.

Censorship is both strict and highly partial. In order not to contravene Lebanese law, this report-the material for which was gathered in Beirut since the imposition of censorshiphas been filed from the Cypriot capital of Nicosia, the nearest

city to Beirut with a free press. In Lebanon itself, the authorities now make no secret of their hope that Western press representatives will leave the country and they are now running what amounts to a

campaign to persuade foreign journalists to depart. Whether the Lebanese Government is fully aware of the conditions which prevail in the country, or of the openly rightwing bias of their own censors,

question, at least for the present. But there are disturbing signs that President Sarkis, of Lebanon, although personally unhappy at the recent turn of events, is under great pressure from the Syrian Government.

Last week, it emerges, Mr Sarkis, who is no admirer of the press, had to send four government emissaries to Damascus to dissuade the Syrians from their intention of permanently closing down four of Beirut's

daily newspapers.
On the surface, life in Beirur is returning to a prewar norma-lity. Nearly all the shops in the glass fronted west Beirut Hamra precinct have now reopened for business and the narrow streets

jammed with outsize and expensive American limousines, the male drivers in white suits and women companions their dressed in new French boots and the latest winter fashions. Water-skiers can be seen in Jounieh Bay just up the coast from Beirut and the casino on the cliffs above the harbour is packed nightly by many of its old and wealthy clientèle.

The country's apparently brash confidence was supported this weekend by Mr Selim al-Hoss, the Prime Minister, when he announced an insurance system to safeguard the assets of national or foreign

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Ulster MP threatens to withdraw his support

From Christopher Walker

Mr Frank Maguire, the Independent MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, is threatening to withdraw his support for the Government in protest against the alleged ill treatment of IRA prisoners being held in some English jails.

That was made known to The Times last night by a close political associate who spoke on Mr Maguire's behalf in his home town of Lisnaskea.

"Frank is annoyed by suggestions that he is trying to black-mail the Government, but he feels that his vote is the only weapon he can use to try to get better conditions for these men", he said. "We understand that these have got worse recently and there have been several beatings."

Mr Maguire, a former inter-nee and lifelong republican, is deeply suspicious of newspapers and has repeatedly refused to grant interviews to British

In the recent close voting in the Commons Mr Maguire has provoked angry remarks from the Tory beaches by providing the Government with its technical overall majority of one in number of divisions.

After a renewed flare-up between IRA prisoners and warders at Albany jail, on the Isle of Wight, Air Maguire has requested permission from the Home Office to visit the prison. He claims that a hunger strike is being threatened by a number of republicans there.

Nir Maguire's associate said last night: Frank is hoping to visit Albany early this week, and what he does with his yote in the Commons will depend on what he discovers when he has talked to the prisoners."

It is widely believed in Northern Ireland that Mr Maguire, a remarkably politician who has rarely made a speech, regarded an improve-ment in the treatment of Irish prisoners in mainland jails as the price the Government was prepared to pay for his sup-port in the lobbies.

The main cause for Ma Maguire's threatened action appears to have been an incident in Albany on January 4 involving a prison officer and Scan Campbell, an IRA prisoner serving 10 years for conspiracy to cause explosions. He was one of six republicans in the jail who had been placed in solitary confinement after another violent incident last September.

Yesterday Sergeant Martin Walsh, a bomb disposal expert, was killed as he attempted to neutralize a 100lb milk chura bomb planted by the Provisional IRA at a remote grocery store in Mr Maguire's large and rambling constituency.

Sergeant Walso, a married man aged 28 from Hereford. the Army's bomb disposal team to lose his life in Ulster and the ried into the store on Saturday

for Eirmingham, Ladywood. | a spot near his home and walked Continued on page 2, col 1 | back to safety.



Robert and Sarah Tyler leaving Heathrow airport last night for a family celebration.

Delayed home-coming for Tyler reporters. He expressed his thanks both to the staff of the British embassy in Khartum. go hack to Africa? "Mayba" family after 243 days in captivity

last yesterday for the Tyler family, who were released on Wednesday after being held for 243 days by Ethiopian rebels. At an extremely brief press conference at Heathrow support, Mr Lindsay Tyler, who is 34, said he was "absolutely thril-ied" to be back after all that

led" to be back after all that time and uncertainty.

Later he and his wife, Stephanie, aged 32, and their two, children, Robert, aged seven, and Sarah, aged five, went off for a family celebration at the Kent home of Mts Tyler's sister, Dr Susan Nicholson.

on. Mr Tyler said he had no criticism of the way the Foreign Office handled the case. "Re-sults show the line they took

British embassy in Khartum, who had direct contact with their captors, the Tigrean People's Liberation Front, and to President Nimeiry, of Sudan, who was principally respon-sible for procuring their release. Mr Tyler, who is a veterinary surgeon, and his family were on a cattle-vaccinating expedi-

tion in the wilds of northern Ethiopia when they were cap-He said he found it hard to

express his feeling about their treatment. "Our feelings went up and down. Some days we ere depressed at the thought that it was going on for ever. Other days we realized a lot of people were doing a lot of work

Asked what the future held.

go back to Africa? "Maybe." The Tylers were due to return from Khartum on Saturday, but were delayed by a dispute among bargage loaders at Heatbrow. Their six-hour flight yesterday arrived two hours

Mr Tyler's parents, Iris and Gordon, who live in the Wirral, Cheshire, had arrived earlier in a white Rolls-Royce bired by a Liverpool newspaper. Also present were his sister Mrs Judith Allison, from Lancashire, and his brother Derek. Mrs Tyler's family was repre-

sented by her mother, Mrs Doreen Monk, and sister, Dr Susan Nicholson, who had broadcast a BBC interview on Christmas Eve, urging the guerriflas to show compassion.

Leader of Munich massacre arrested

From Paul Martin

French counter-intelligence ore holding Abu Daoud, the Black September leader who planned and coordinated the Munich massacre of Israeli athletes in 1972. He was arrestable of the september of ted during a secret visit to Paris on an international warrant issued by the West German police.

The arrest has been con-demned by the Arab states and has faced the French Govern-ment with a dilemma of major

Mr Abu Daoud, whose real name is Muhammad Daoud Audch, arrived in Paris last Wednesday on a forged Iraqii passport with an official mourning party for Mahmond Saleh, a high representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, shot dead in a paris street.

Less than 24 hours before he was arrested in his hotel room on Friday he had been officially received at the Quai d'Orsay under his false name as a member of the mourning party.

According to well informed sources, Israeli intelligence tipped off the German police that the mourner, Youssef Reji Hanna, was in fact Mr Abu Daoud. He has been on Israel's most-wanted list of terrorists since Munich.

The affair has put the French Government in a difficult spot. Since his arrest, security precautions have been tightened in fear of a Palestinian reprisal to secure his release. The French recall that when the

Diplomatically it has also driven the French into a tight corner. President Giscard d'Estaing is due in Saudi Arabia within a forthlight on an "extremely important" visit: and if France keeps Mr Abu Daoud in continued custody or extradites him to West Germany or Israel, the President's planned initiatives among the Arabs may well be prejudiced. Bonn: West Germany will decide in the next few days

whether to demand extradition. First a request roust come from the Munich prosecutor. Jerusalem: Extradition Îsrael might be demanded "within bours", a Foreign

Labour MPs likely to abstain on vote to cut defence budget by £300m

y George Clark
clitical Correspondent
Mr Reg Prentice, former

linister for Overseas Developent, who resigned from the Jornament, and Mr Alan Lee
Villiams, MP for Havering,
lorachurch, and chairmen of
the Labour Party's defence
roup, are among Labour backanchers who may not vote for the Government in the Com-tons on Wednesday when the position challenges the de-ision to reduce the defence udget by £300m in the next two

Mr Prentice, who said in his cent resignation speech that e Government was wrong to opose the curs, indicated yesrday that his inclination was abstain, but he would see Defence could reasonably be

tion to the reduction in public spending only if the effects of the cuts on the ability of the Forces to meet commitments was carefully examined in de-

MP for Berwick and East Lothian, has already said to a letter to The Times that he will be unable to support the Government unless a clear account is given of the objections to the cuts made by the Chiefs of Staff in their unprecerented meeting with the Prime Minister four days before Mr Healey. Chancellor of the Ex-chequer, announced his latest

tail, and he was not convinced that that had happened. Mr John Mackintosh, Labour

Mr Mackintosh has said that he is not prepared to accept assurances from Mr Mulky. Secretary of State for Defence: he wants ministers to explain their reasons for overriding the grave warnings from the Chiefs of Staff about the potential damage the cuts could do to the security of Britain and the

He argues that there is no other important legislature in the Western world where members would be asked to vote on such a vital question with-out knowledge of what the defence chiefs had said. He 1975. The bomb had been carrejects the suggestion that state ried in security is at risk if the information is given; the case could be given in broad terms was kid covering Britain's capacity to meet its essential defence needs Mr Brian Walden, Labour MP for Eirmingham, Ladywood,

and the second second

Farmer released: A farmer who was kidnapped : zunpoint from his home at Hamilton, co Down. was released unharmed last night after a television appeal be the police. He was driven to

Airline back to normal as loaders end strike

By Our Labour Editor

British Airways expects all 23 of its overseas division flights from Heathrow to take off as usual todáy after 800 baggage handlers end their strike this

Under a peace formula agreed yesterday between airport shop stewards, union officials and the tion will be made of the men's claim for £1.16 a week extra for working on wide-bodied jets. The airline cancelled all 20 outgoing flights yesterday and 14 incoming services, involving nearly 5,000 passengers. By the time the baggage

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Southampton and London

to balance the books

handlers resume work today. the backlog of passengers un-able to find seats on other airlines is expected to number only about 100. Porters employed by the

British Airports Authority at Heathrow's terminal two walked out yesterday when one of their colleagues was arrested. Later they went back.

Bernard James Lucas, aged 59, of Market Parade, Hampton Row, Hanworth, London, was charged with the theft of jewelry valued at £145,000, and is due to appear before magis-trates at Uxbridge on January

£2.5m jewelry stolen

Murcia, Jan 9.-Spanish police continued searching to-day, for any clue of the thieves who stole jewels valued at about 300m pesetas (about £2.5m)

Church officials here said that the jewels stolen included the crowns of the statue of the Infant Jesus, and the pectoral cross and ring of Cardinal Belluga, who was Eishop of

They forced the iron gate of the museum, placed within the cathedral, by using a blowtorch. The jewels were on display without any protection. Officials said that the jewels were not

Crash victims

Palm Springs, California, Jan 9. — The bodies of Frank Sinatra's mother, Mrs Natalie Sinatra, aged 82, and three other people on board a small private jet that crashed near here last week, were found in the wreckage on a mountainside

from cathedral

from the museum of the Santa Maria Cathedral in Murcia

Virgin of La Fuensanta and the Murcia in the eighteenth cen-

insured.—AP.

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Ministry spokesman said.

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Divisions over workers on Company boards ivisions among members of Lord Bulck's committee of inquiry into indus-

ial democracy, and vehement position expressed by industrial aders, may force the Government to opose enabling legislation for a more exible approach to worker directors British industry. That means rejectg the majority view of the committee. ajority and minority reports by the minittee, to be published this month, dicate the scope of the debate
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te Prime Minister and northern MPs e to be sent verbatim reports of a

nference held at Newcastle upon Tyne

oppose devolution plans for Scotland

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union leaders as they prepare to examine the choices for future wage negotiations is a "planned return" to free collective bargaining. The current pay policy expires in July. The TUC

Unions considering

Central among idea; held by trade

next pay phase

economic committee is to examine a paper recommending continuation of the social contract Mr Mondale's tour Mr Walter Mondale. Vice President-elect of the United States, will visit London. Brussels, Peris, Bond and Tokyo in two weeks' time, shortly after his inauguration in Washington. Acting

and venue of the next economics summit of Western leaders Page 4 Hunt survives crash

as Mr Jimmy Carter's personal emissary.

he will hold discussions about the date

James Hunt, of Britain, the world motor racing champion, escaped unnurt after his car, which was in the lead. crashed on the thirty-first lap of the Argentine Grand Prix. The first race of the season, it was won by Jody Scheckter, of South Africa Page 6

Harry Wheatcroft dies at 78 Mr Harry Wheatcroft, the rose grower,

has died at the age of 78 after a stroke. Mr Wheateroft, of West Bridgford, Nottinghamsbire, introduced such varieties as Superstar, Fragram Cloud and Peace. He produced special roses for occasions like the wedding of Obituary, Page 14 Princess Anne Homes for lonely: The Carr-Comm

Society, which houses lonely people in Eritain, has opened a home in Paris 2 Police criticized: The action of the police in keeping a group of pupils for more than three hours after lessons to answer questions was illegal, the educa-

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Trade union leaders considering 'planned return' to free collective wages bargaining

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Trade union leaders are to start looking this week at the options for wage bargaining when the present 4! per cent pay policy expires at the end of July. Central among their ideas "planned return" to free

collective bargaining.
The TUC economic committee will examine a confidential policy paper on Wednesday setting out the economic prospects for the United Kingdom this year and arguing the case for continuing the social contract

The document, an outline of the TUC's annual Economic Review, discusses the perform-ance of the world economy and looks at Britain's difficulties and

between unions and government.

On pay restraint, the paper seeks guidance from the economic committee on how the unions should implement the 1976 congress decision to seek a planned return to free collective bargaining. It does not contain a detailed blueprint of a further round of incomes policy, merely a list of bargaining priorities

Those priorities, it is emphasized, are contingent on what than £40 Mr Healey does in his Budget. congress.

Rees, Home Secretary, and Mr David Steel, the Liberal

the former CIA agent. Yesterday Mr Agee said at a rally in London that Mr Steel

had been told by Mr Rees that Mr Agee was responsible for

the deaths of two British agents

behind the Iron Curtain. Mr Agee believes the remark re-fers to the breaking up of a group of spies in Poland and

says it is without foundation.

In January last year Mr Agee said a story had been circulated

to a number of newspapers de-scribing the breaking up of a

Nato spy ring in Poland and alleging that Mr Agee had

Mr Agee took Mr Rees's

sileged remark to Mr Steel to

be referring to the Polish spy ring. But he points out that he

tried later.

By Stewart Tendler

to Agee controversy

discussion between Mr never

They cover low pay, top incomes, differentials, productivity and pay structures. The economic committee will onsider the draft review immediately after meeting miners leaders and Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, who are seeking TUC approval for an early retirement scheme for pit men

beginning on August 1.

Mr Jack Jones, the transport workers' leader, who is recog-nized as having been the most influential figure in shaping the recent TUC-Government pay initiatives, said yesterday that he would like to see the £6 and 4) per cent pay supplements of the past two years consolidated into basic wages; amelioration of the anomalies caused by flat-rate wage rises; and restoration of pay incentives and differen-

Mr Jones is proposing a flexible pay policy that will avoid a wages explosion when the present restraints are removed. However, his concern for the lower paid is likely to prompt renewed pressure for an in-crease in the TUC's minimum wage target, from £38.50 after two years of pay curbs to more than £40 from the September

He also opposes any third-party jurisdiction in pay bar-gaining on the lines of the Tory Pay Board or Labour's Prices and Incomes Board. "You can-not do it in a complicated economy like Britain, with over 24 million workers."

He continued: "Whatever we do will have to be on the basis of the TUC doing its best to influence the unions and on mutual agreement."

Mr Jones, a member of the TUC team on the National Economic Development Council. also criticized "erosion" of the Government's Price Code. "At a time when prices are rising because of outside fac-tors, the Price Code has been virtually denuded of any real impact on the retention of reasonable levels of pricing."

He called for a "very dramatic attempt" by the Government to regain control over price movements, adding: "Trade unions are making their contribution; no one can question that But clearly we cannot bold that position if prices continue to rise."

Serious talks between the TUC and the Cabinet on what should follow phase two of the pay policy are not expected to get under way until next month.

Aid sought **Steel-Rees discussion adds** One of his advisers said yes-

terday that Mr Steel would never repeat any remarks passed because it would jeopar-dize his position in talking to David Steel, the Liberal dize his position in talking to leader, last November, has any minister. added a new puzzle to the controversy over the intended deportation of Mr Philip Ages, given by Mr Rees for the in-the former CIA agent. tended deportation do not refer to agents of the Crown. They refer to meetings with foreign agents, the dissemination of information harmful to Britain's security and siding others to

such information for publication Yesterday Mr Agee said be felt that the CIA might have presented the facts of the case involving the Polish ring to the British services, adding the con-clusion that he had had some-

thing to do with the debacle. It was also possible that be-cause his work had encouraged given names to the Russian KGB while working in Cuba in 1971. A number of Poles were British journalists to examine intelligence work a case had been brought against him to discourage others.

Earlier at the rally Mr Kenneth Morgan, general secretary of the National Union of Jour-nalists, said the cases of Mr Agee and Mr Hosenball reprewas never in a position to learn about such a ring while working for the CIA and asks why it sented an attempt to intimidate other journalists.

After many years of cam-paigning for the freedom of took so long for the ring to be broken if he denounced it in journalists in other countries the union was now having to There is no dispute that Mr make protests to its own Gov-Steel saw Mr Rees last Nov-

ember when the news of the intended deportation of Mr Agee and Mr Mark Hosenball, ernment. Tomorrow Mr Agee is to face Agee and Mr Mark Hosenball, the three members of a Home who works for a London news- Office advisory committee who paper, was announced. Inter- have been appointed to bear his viewed by several journalists representations against deporta-last week, Mr Steel refused to tion, and hopes to learn more say what had been discussed. of the case against him.

Alsatian attack

Two members of the execu-A post-mortem examination carried out yesterday on Paul Teachers have been censured by their colleagues for their conduct when demonstrators rterrupted an executive meeting in London last November. The demonstrators were

supporting a group of teachers who had been suspended by the executive after taking unofficial strike action. Mr Alfred Wilshire, the

NUT executive

censures two

of its members

union's president, adjourned the meeting and asked his col-leagues to leave. All went except Miss Beth Stone and Mr Richard North. Miss Stone is helieved to have addressed the demonstrators. Mr North took

Miss Stone said at the executive meeting which passed the censure resolution that if the executive had agreed to the request of the demonstrators to meet them, the incident could have been averted.

Boy died from shock after

By a Staff Reporter

Green, aged 10, whose badly mauled body was found on Saturday in the grounds of Applegarth Farm, Ivy Hatch, near Sevenoaks, Kent, a breeding kennels for Alsatian dogs, showed that he died from shock caused by multiple in-

Kent police said inquiries were continuing. No decision had been made about destruction of four Alsetians believed to be responsible for the atrack on the boy.
Mr Derek Fenton, who runs

the kennels, was at a dog show with Mrs Fenton and the boy's parents when the incident occurred.

The four Alsatians had been

released in the grounds for exercise. Paul Green left the house and was found badly injured after the does had been

Labour fears abstentions

who with Mr Mackintosh brought about the Government's defeat on the Dock Work Regulation Bill last session, said last night that he agreed with his colleague's demand for more than £40m, he said. "If the minister is not considering them." information, but he would vote with the Government.

with the Government.

For Mr Alan Lee Williams,
the debate will show whether
Mr Mulley and the Government are willing to accept, or at least to examine, alternative ways of saving defence expenditure which he has discussed with the defence minister. His vote could depend on the

"My proposals would not in any way damage the 'sharp end' of our defence effort in Nato", he said yesterday. "One is to merge the Royal Air Force into the Army calling it the into the Army, calling it the Army Air Force."

He said his argument was that the air force had a tactical

role but was strategic in struc-ture. In a European war it would operate in support of troops on the ground, and it would be logical to have air and ground forces under one com-

mand. "The air force would continue to have its own distinctive uniforms and the Chief of Air Staff would remain as head of the force; but there would be no separate minister for the air

more closely coordinated and unified direction, could save more than £40m, he said. "If changes in these areas, he is making the cuts in the wrong places", he said.

Manufacturing: Gross fixed investment in new plant and machinery a head of those working in manufacturing industry, excluding fron and steel, in the United Kingdom, excluding tutoralized industries, was (2's): 1965, 142: 1966, 152: 1967, 155: 1968, 168: 1969, 174: 1970, 191: 1971, 176: 1972, 154: 1973, 169: 1974, 179: 1975, 158. The figures given, at 1970 prices, cover acquisitions, less disposals of new and secondhand plant and machinery, as figures for new unachinery are not collected separately. Other Labour MPs who are doubtful about the Government's defence policy are Mr Richard Crawshaw (Liverpool, Toxteth), Mr Benjamin Ford (Bradford, North) and Mr David Marquand (Ashfield).

If only six Labour MPs abstain, the Government could be in a difficult position because it was not clear last night that ministers could rely on the Liberals, the Scottish nationalists or the United Ulster Unionists. They will decide which way to the sterdecide which way to vote after hearing the Government's case.

The division will take place on an Opposition motion to reduce the salary of the secretary of state, the traditional method of inviting the Com-mons to show that it has no confidence in a minister. The Conservative attack on the Government's plans will be led by Mr Ian Gilmour, shadow Secretary of State for Defence, with Mr Winston Churchill, MP for Stretford, making his first force or separate administrative big speech as a frontbench

for vaccine children

By a Staff Reporter Children damaged by vaccines have a strong case for compensation, Mr Jack Ashiey, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, said yesterday. He is tabling several questions today to Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, asking about the Government's attitude over the past 10 years to the recommendations of royal commissions.

Five European countries, as well as the Japanese, he said, had compensation schemes for children affected by vaccines.

Mr Ashley said he thought Mr Ashley said he thought
Mr Ennals would have to concede that the immunization
programme was being carried
out for the social good rather
than the good of the individual.
It was wrong of the minister
to delay action until there was
a royal commission report; he
was also asking for the recall

was also asking for the recall of Professor Gordon Stewart, of Glasgow University, to appear before the department's advisory committee on vaccina-tion, because of a claim that the professor was given inadequate time to present his find-

Drivers raise bread price demand to 19p

Bread delivery men in London decided yesterday that they would stop supplying shops or supermarkets which sold large loaves for less than 19p after tomorrow.

They think a price-cutting

contest between supermarkets night threaten their jobs by forcing small shops to stop selling bread. They had pre-viously fixed the minimum at 180. Shop stewards for the London

and Home Counties delivery men are calling for a national meeting to seek more support.

Swine disease

An outbreak of swine vesicular disease was confirmed near Blackpool yesterday.

headquarters and boards of governors, £65,286,000. Social Services, December 22.

Housing: The main reductions in

Manufacturing : Gross fixed invest-

Wealth tax: The staff engaged on

planning for a wealth tax have cost about £1m. The accommodation costs so far committeed are attributable to the tax total about £2m capital expenditure and £0.6m

separately.

Trade, December 9.

Revenue expenditure on headquarters administration for the National Health Service in 1975 Answers in 76 was: regional health autho-rities, £30,786,000; area bealth authorities, £76,494,000; district **Parliament**

NHS administration costs £172m

A periodic digest of information given in parliamentary written replies, with the source and dates on which they appeared in Hansard. Housing: The main reductions in housing capital programmes for 1977-73 announced by the Chancellor in his statement on December 15 at 1976 and 1975 survey prices are: municipalization, £50m (£47m); purchase of housing land by local authorities, £50m (£62m); housing association activity: financed by the Housing Corporation, £57m (£54m); new town housing, £22m (£54m).

Cathedral yesterday.

The Carr-Gomm Society, an unusual housing charity that helps the lonely of all types and ages, is to knunch its first

foreign venture in Paris today. Appropriately named "Jamais Seuls", it will, like its mother

society in England set up homes where the depressed and

the socially inadequate may

learn to live together, giving

As in England, each house will be run by a paid house-keeper, who will live in the house, cleaning it, cooking a communal meal every day, and

trying to comfort and give encouragement to the residents.

The Carr-Gomm Society, which was set up by Mr Richard Carr-Gomm in 1965, is an off-shoot of the Abbeyfield Society, which he had founded 10 years

earlier to house the elderly.

Although always hampered by

lack of funds, the society and its affiliated local groups have

managed to acquire 24 houses

and flats in London, East Anglia, Newcastle upon Tyne,

Hove and East Grinstead, where

they care for about 200 people.

Other groups in Bath, Dorset, Lincoln and Buckingham have

expressed an interest in setting

up local Carr-Gomm societies.

and are looking for suitable

properties; in Cornwall the central society has acquired

two houses and is seeking a

local group to look after them.

Members of local societies manage the finances of their

houses, and are expected to take part in the community life of their residents. They also

help in organizing parties and Exelmans, Paris 6.

each other mutual support.

By Diana Geddes

British charity to set up

Paris homes for lonely

Borrowing: Government borrowing on March 31, 1974, is estimated to have been 1950 a head. Net borrowing in the two and a half years since then has amounted to about £425 per head. Treasury. December 16

Tax revenue: Tax and tax and insurance contributions as a propor-tion of gross domestic product at factor cost (per tent): 1960, 28.0, 32.2; 1965, 28.8, 34.2: 1970, 36.4, 42.5; 1973, 30.3, 36.5: 1974, 31.9, 38.7: 1975, 32.4, 39.8. Treasury, December 8

Tax payers: The estimated numbers of inxpayers (in thousands) subject to the higher rates of income tax are: 1973-74, 392: 1974-75, 752; 1975-76, 1,300; 1976-77, 1,300.

thresholds: Income

Threshold of first higher-rate band: 1973-74: 6.116, 6.116; 1974-75, 5.794, 4.912; 1975-75, 5.884, 4.003; 1976-77, 6.634, 3.911. Threshold of highest rate band: 1973-74, 21.176, 21.176; 1974-75, 21.346, 18.098; 1975-76, 21.436, 14.583; 1976-77, 21,686, 12,786. Treasury, December 8

Police: Complaints against the police and the number of cases in which criminal, or disciplinary, charges resulting from complaints were brought in each of the years 1969-75: 11.814. 137. 208: 12.044. 152, 222: 12.271. 90, 209: 15.543. 127, 258: 16.155, 110. 186: 17.454, 105, 189: 19.205. 128, 247.

Home Office, December 6 Revenue loss: The expected loss in revenue ioss: The expected loss in revenue in the current floancial year if the top rate of income tax was reduced to 50 per cent, assuming that that restriction included investment investment.

Treasurp, December 13

Children in care: The number of children in care in England at March 31 was:
Compulsory school age: 1974, 60,700; 1975, 63,700; 1976*, 64,900.

64,900.

Over compulsory school age: 1974, 19,500: 1975, 19,000; 1976*, 19,100. "Provisional average weekly cost of keeping a child in care in England during the 1975-76 financial year was £32. That figure excludes administration and field social work costs, which cannot be allocated to specific services. No account has been taken of parental contributions. tresholds: Income tax cost of keeping a child in care in thresholds at current prices and at 1973-74 prices respectively for a wealth tax have at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children on to ever 11 years of age are (£):

Basic rate income tax threshold: England during the 1975-76 financial year was £32. That figure exceed to the tax total about expenditure and £0.6m are in thresholds at current prices and at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at current prices and at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at current prices and at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at current prices and at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at current prices and at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children could be allocated to specific services. Proceedings of the prices and at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children care in thresholds.

BBC must be kept intact, Tory MP says

By Our Political Staff Conservatives should clear their minds on the policy they want to adopt towards broadcasting, Mr Julian Critchley, MP for Aldershot and chairman of the Conservative Party's

dent Broadcasting Authority and the BBC kept as they are; that the fourth television chan-nel should be allotted to inde-pendent television, and that a broadcasting council should be set up. It should be made up of the two existing advisory committees "to introduce an man of the Conservative rarty and make it clear that they wanted the Independence of Consumer sove that they wanted the Independence of Consumer sove editorial control without compromising the scope, vigour and that they wanted the Independence of broadcasters."

menting on the future of broad-casting in advance of the re-port to be published in April by the Annan committee, said: "We should resist the dismem-berment of the BBC, index the licence fee, and restore the cuts made in overseas programmes, Above all, we should strengthen

Threat to Labour property company

Demands from some constituency Labour parties for the repayment of loans to Labour Party Properties Ltd has led to doubts about the future of the company, established at Transport House in 1969 to buy and manage properties used by the party for offices, meetings and social clubs.

The immediate prospect is that the company will have to be wound up as a separate organization within the party, or many of its responsibilities dropped. Either course seems likely to result in a loss of tens of the property of the proper of thousands of pounds to party funds.

lunds.

Mr Norman Atkinson, the left-wing MP for Haringey, Tottenham, and the new party treasurer, said yesterday that no final decision had been taken by the national executive, but the general opinion seemed to be that the company should be wound up. Other arrangements would be made for the management of properties in

He emphasized that the company was not engaged in property speculation or outside property dealing; it was concerned merely with property the party needed for its efficient working in London and the property and with riving constituencies, and with giving advice on the maintenance of properties vested in local committees as trustees.

The company, he said, had about £500,000 of assets and about the same in liabilities. Apart from the loans made by local parties, the Labour Party had provided a loan of about

0.2 (0.50)

outings, and even in celebrat-

the cause of their alienation.

the society says, the result is the same, loneliness.

who may not be suited to, or wish for, such institutions.

under no convenient heading but still suffer from profound,

incapacitating loneliness. It is

Its tenants pay economic rents

for those that the society exists.

to cover the running costs, but several of them are helped by

supplementary benefits. Funds

are raised partly through the

obtained from the Carr-Gomm

Society Ltd, 36 Gomm Road, London, SE16; and in France

There are others who come

down and out ".

elderly. But

A dancer rehearsing for a special Epiphany "There are some constituency service, Party at Bethlehem, held at Coventry Labour parties who are pressing for the repayment of loans, as they are entitled to do, and the property company has an obligation to them he said. The size of loans from the constituencies varied. The biggest of which he knew was

Some of the local parties needed the money for repair work. "I want to make sure we honour our obligations", Mr ing weddings; one such wedding took place during the Atkinson said.

The chairman of the company is Mr John Cartwright, MP for Greenwich, Woolwich, East, a member of the national executive and a former director of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society. The exercisery is Mr. summer between two middle-aged tenants of a Carr-Gomm house in London.

The society believes that the number of people who cannot cope with living in an organized Society. The secretary is Mr John Pittaway, finance officer society is increasing rapidly. They may be labelled "disturbed", "depressed", or just of the Labour Party.

Other members include Mr Ronald Hayward, general secre-tary of the party. Lord Diamond, a former Treasury minister, Lord Milner of Leeds They may have difficulties with their families, with alcohol, or with the law. But whatever and Sir Frank Price, a business-man and chairman of the British Waterways Board. the same, ioneliness. It recognizes that the welfare state increasingly provides for such people. There are "half-way houses" for former offenders and former mental has been asked to review the operations of the company and

advise on its future. To raise money for maintenance and other purposes, some local parties have been driven patients, and "sheltered homes" for alcoholics and the to selling off parts of their premises. When that happens the company in London is available to give advice.

One property owned by the company, in Walworth Road, London, originally owned by the Bermondsey Labour Party, is being considered as a site for a new headquarters which the Labour Party intends to build as soon as plans are approved by the executive.

society's two charity shops in Greenwich and at Victoria. Further information may be When the project was first considered, party leaders esti-mated that much of the cost of running the headquarters could be met by rents charged for offices let to private firms in from M Jean-Jacques Vitrac. Président de l'Association "Jamais Seuls", 18 Boulevard the building. If such a scheme was adopted, the property company might be asked to

Sixth form colleges 'deprive poor areas'

By Tim Devlin

Education Correspondent The new policy of the Department of Education and Science favouring sixth-form colleges with a break in schooling at the age of 16, announced by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last Friday, was attacked vesterday at a conference in London of the National Council for Educational Standards.

Professor Brian Cox, of Manchester University, coauthor of the Black Paper series of rightwing discussion papers on edu-cation, said: "We all know the arguments against the sixth-form college system. If this is the way we are now going to develop, you will not get aca-demically able teachers going into the schools for the children aged 11 to 16.

"The schools in poor areas particularly will be deprived of the academically best teachers.
When will Mrs Williams wake
up and realize that the gifted
children from poor areas are the ones being most handi-capped by socialist policies?

capped by socialist policies? "

He said that with Mrs Williams's advocacy of small comprehensive schools her speech was a shining example of Labour Party hypocrisy. Only five years ago they had been told that the comprehensive schools would work because they had 2,000 pupils and were large enough to diversify large enough to diversify courses in the sixth form.

The sixth-form college policy was put forward by Mrs Williams at the North of England Education Conference and is people of all political persuasions. As reported on Saturday, Mrs Williams said that she thought sixth-form or tertiary colleges were the tidiest and most economical solution for authorities that had not yet reorganized their secondary

Conservative spokesman on education, tol the conference in London tha the conference in London the he was horrified at the report of this part of Mrs Williams' speech. "Anybody who talk about anything being the tidies solution in education is the enemy of the free society", he

He called for a return selection at the age of 11 i grammar schools in ruri areas, which he estimate represented 15 per cent of th schools in the country. Seletion at 14 was the best answe for the towns and urban areas. There all the comprehensive schools should develop a concurriculum for the 11 to 1 age group, but they should also develop a special subjection which they could have for

to six hours a week of extituition for the older pupils. Pupils whose gifts in the subjects were obvious at a would go to schools caterin for their particular speciali and others could transfer them at 14, which was a cri-cal age when children cho-their future specialization.

Mr Boyson also advocate bringing back some of il direct-grant schools and makir others direct-grant so that sue provision was more even spread to cater for the country's 200,000 exceptional

talented children. Mr Colin Grantham, Const varive leader of Tamesi council, Greater Mancheste which won a legal battle is year against the Governmento retain some of its gramm schools, told the conferenthat the council had no inte either now or in the future. had already instructed i officers to budget for the rei troduction of schools.

He made it clear afterwar that the council would ke within the law.

Russian strengthens chess lead

From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent Hastings

Romanishin, strengthened his hold on the lead in the Ladbroke Premier Chess Tournament in Hastings when he scored an easy win over Webb in round 10 yesterday. The English player was out of form and lost material by a double oversight

Should he win, he will be sharing second place with the Israeli master, Kagan, who drew a somewhat colouriess game against Adorjan in that

golden opportunity of forcing mate or winning the queen; but his attack was so strong that he won in the end in 44

/ out of nine; Kajan six out of nine; Adorian 5! out of

Andy Bevan boycott to

Soviet grandmaster,

Tarjan adjourned his game against Whiteley in a position that looked good for him.

Rumens spoiled a well con-ducted king-side attack against Damjanovic by missing a The leading scores at the end

of round 10 were: Romanishia

nine; Smyslov five out of nine; Tarjan five out of 10 and one Tarjan five out of 10 and one adjourned.

Ansula of round 10: Karlan autauinst Whiteley, QP king's Indian def; Farago I. Vulcovic O. OP king's Indian def; Webb O. Romanishin 1. Englan def; Webb O. Romanishin 1. Englan def; Kaplan i. Mides i. Sicilian def, randman i. Zwaig i. Succents Jonath declined; Rumens 1. Damjanovic O. Sicilian def. Smyslev had the bye.

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be discussed By Our Political Staff With Mr Andrew (And Bevan, a Trotskyist, confirm by the Labour Party nation

executive as the party's you organizer, the executive of t National Union of Labo Organizers (election agent will meet in London today decide whether to carry of their threat to refuse to a operate with him.

The agents objected to it Bevan's appointment becau the job usually goes to son one who has served as agent. They also feared the it might help left-wirextremists who are active it constituencies challenging the party's official policies helping to unseat "moderate MPs like Mr Reg Prentice and

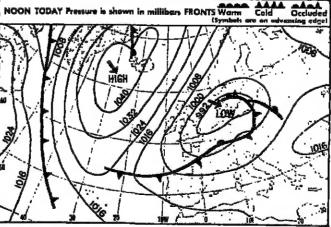
Mr Frank Tomney. Mr Bevan has applied for nembership of the union, and there is likely to be strong opposition to that. One suggestion to be considered is that the agents should picket Transport House to again about the appointment.

Angela Rippon is

song hostess Miss Angela Rippon, the BEC television news reader, i making a second venture intershow business after be appearance in the Morecamb and Wise Christmas show. She is

to introduce the Eurovision Song Contest at Wembley of April 2.
She said yesterday that she would be facing a live theat audience for the first time.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises : 4.14 pm Last quarter : January 12. Last quarter: January 12.
Lighting up: 4.44 pm to 7.33 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.41
am, 7.2m (23.5ft): 4.59 pm, 7.2m
(23.7ft). Avonmouth, 10.5 am,
13.0m (42.5ft): 10.29 pm, 12.6m
(41.4ft). Dover, 1.38 am, 6.7m
(21.9ft): 2.2 pm, 6.4m (21.0ft).
Hull, 9.11 am, 6.8m (22.3ft): 9.11
pm, 7.1m (23.4ft). Liverpool, 1.58
am, 8.8m (29.0ft): 2.10 pm, 9.1m
(29.9ft).

A cold N airstream covers the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight : London, SE, central S England, Midlands: Frost early and jate, sunny periods, showers of sleet or snow; wind NW light or moderate; max temp 4°C (39°F). Channel Islands. SW England, S Wales: Frost in places early and late, sunny intervals, occasional late, sunny intervals, occasional

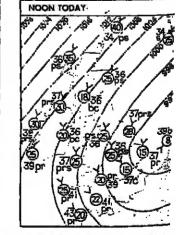
showers of rain or snow, wind NW moderate, strong near coasts : max temp 6°C (43°F). East Anglia, E and NE England : Frost early and late, sunny periods, sleet or snow showers; wind N moderate, strong near coasts; max temp 3°C (39°F).

NW and central N England, N Wales, Lake District. Isle of Man: Frost early and late, sunny intervals. Sleet or snow showers; wind N moderate: max temp 3°C (39°F).

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Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW. NE and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Courtal High, Lorkney, Shetland and N Ireland Frost, rather cloudy, sleet or snow at times, heavy in places; wind N moderate or fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Very cold, sleet or snow at times, widespread trost, severe in places at night. Sea, passages, S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W to NW, Iresh or strong, sea rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d. drizzle ; f. fair ; r, rain ; s, sun ; sl, sleet ; sn snow.



English Channel (E): Wind W NW, fresh or strong, perhaps ga-later; sea rough. St George's Channel and Iri-Sea: Wind N to NE, strong gale; sea rough or very rough

Saturday

London: Temp: max 6 am 6 pm, 6°C (43°F); min 6 pm 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 6 pm 81 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm a trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, n Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,032 millioner falling millibars, falling.

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London: Temp: max 6 am 6 pm, N°C (46°F): min 6 pm 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pi 78 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm 0.17 in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.72 Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.003 millibars, falling. 1.000 millibars - 29.53in.



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nything being the By John Charges in education Verbatim reports of the free Society devolution conference at Newrailed for reign castle upon Tyne at the age of head are to be sent to Mr ar school, in Callaghan, members of Parliacastle upon Tyne at the weekand 15 per Capital Spies in the North of England, in the County Spies in the North of England, in the Country Wises in the North of Land 14 was the best wind to almost smyone else in towns and orban to England who may be interested the coverne all the comprehen the effects of the Govern-should Gamble A Thomas of the Govern-

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Boyson also arrenglish Dimension, was pubgrant schools and a there was a great deal of direct train to the sa among the 150 delegates in the control of the same attended the Newcastle to cotton. y's 200,000 except which was enritled ed children Six speakers were cheered Colin Grantham to they made out their separate leader of Tasses against the devotation won a legal rantalyell, MP for West Lorhian agains: the Conte most vigorous opponent of is some of its fevolution among the Labour is, told the todarty in Scotland; Mr George the council and a twon, former Labour MP for of going companiotherwell and Wishaw and in director of the Scotland is irish campaign; Mr Tom a le-Spring : Mr Nicholas Ridy Conservative MP for

made trencester and Tawkesbury;
made tours.

If the pury convenor of the Shetand Islands Council. The conference was another ndy Bay st is taking the lead in estioning the devolution pro-)VCC1 to sals. Late last year another luentiel body, the North of gland Development Council,

Verbatim reports of an anti-out opinion in the North-west England was undersubscribed with only 80 people attending.

Organizers of the Newcastle conference thought it significant that Mr William Sefton, chair-man of Merseyside County Council, and Sir Stanley Yapp, from the West Midlands. attended and spoke vigorously.

Greater Manchester, which prides itself on being the most important local authority out-side London, did not send a delegate, nor did any of the local authorities on the border around Berwick-upon

The consensus at Newcastle was that devolution is a fine thing in the sense that decentralization of control from London is desirable not only for Scotland and Wales but also for the North-east, the Midlands and the North-west.

Mr Sefton suggested that devolution ought to be about restoring control over such matters as the health services. water, gas and electricity supplies to democratically elected local authorities from the govannounced that he would call a similar conference in the North-

Sir Stanley Yapp said he felt it his duty to ensure that English people in the Midlands knew just what was involved in

Mr Michael Campbell, chair-man of Tyne and Wear County Council, promised that his authority would take action, and he thought that most of the neighbouring county councils would give support. He made clear that North-east MPs would be urged to appose the devolu-

Four of the 29 Labour MPs in the northern region opposed the second reading, and consider-

at school for 3 hours by police

pupils was kept at school until more than three hours after lessons ended while being questioned by police about the disappearance of a stop-watch carlier in the day.

No attempt was made to in form the parents, nor were they asked if their children could interviewed, according to the education magazine, Where, which reports the case today.

The magazine, published by he Advisory Centre for Educasays the children were kept in a gymnasium at their comprehensive school in Thetford, Norfolk, for four hours last summer and were given no

It also alleges that the school telephone was left unmanned and that parents' requests for were ignored.

Mr Gordon Constable of Norfolk, yesterday that a complaint was made by a parent and an inquiry had been carried out. I have expressed my regret in writing to the parent who complained that the investigation was so protracted and that provision was not made to inform anxious parents of the situation", he said.

"It was very unfortunate that the investigation took so officers that the incident could be more positively dealt with by an immediate investigation which, in fact, led to the watch

The magazine says that the police, with the cooperation of the head, appear to have acted illegally and in contravention of Home Office directions by under arrest. It recommends that parents and teachers should discuss guidelines to be adopted when a possible theft misdemeanour has to be decit with.

The magazine says that while the head was probably justified discussion beverighted by able local pressure is clearly situation seemed to have got out of control in regard to parents' and children's rights. in calling in the police, the

Industrial democracy 1: The nature of the debate about participation

Pitfalls on slippery slope to the commanding heights

By Peter Hennessy An addition to the vocabulary of politics has been made in recent years with the arrival of the so-called "slippery slope" issue. Devolution is a present example, human rights another on the horizon. A shird instance is lying in ministerial. "In" trays in the shape of the Bullock report on industrial

democracy.
The feature common to all slippery slope reforms is that they are Hobbesian "leaps in the dark". Each slope is strewn with pitfalls and nobody, least of all the policy-makers, can be sure at which point on the slope the matter will rest.

Industrial democracy lies at the heart of Britain's worries about economic survival trade union power by linking the two in the shape of a reform, to which the Government is committed by putting worker-directors on the boards of big companies by legal right. doubters, Bullock's terms of reference were rigged from the start. It was a question not of whether the Government whether the Government legislated on industrial demo-cracy, but of when and in what

The scope of the debate that will rage from the publication of the Bullock report later this month until the Industrial Democracy Act receives the Royal Assent in 1978 (and possibly beyond if a Conserva-tive government is elected reflected in the report, in its majority and minority versions. Lord Bullock, who, as the biographer of Ernest Bevin, is well aware of the inexorable shift towards the recognition of union power since his subject's arrival in the War Cabinet in 1940, is joined by three three union members of his commit-

majority statement. They recommend workerdirectors sitting on a unitary board in equal numbers with representatives. with a third and smaller group, from whom the chairman would be found, chosen equally by both the worker and shareholder board members to achieve overall parity.

tee and its two academics, learned in labour law and

industrial relations,

Lord Bullock, has been considering industrial democracy and will issue its report soon. In the first of four articles on attitudes to industrial democracy in Britain and elsewhere, Peter Hennessy discusses disagreements in the committee.

A government-appointed committee, chaired by

That is the so-called 2X+Y formula. Workers in the X group would be drawn from the yees of the company concerned. Workers in the Y contingent would be full-time

union officials. The majority scheme would apply to the country's leading 600 firms with more than two thousand employees. Participa tion, which the existing board will be legally unable to refuse, would be initiated by one or more of the company's recognized unions, representing at least one fifth of its employees, asking for it.

A simple majority of all

and non-unionists, is required in a universal secret ballot. The electoral college for selecting worker-directors thereafter would be a company council made up exclusively of union

The committee's three members from the Confederation of British Industry declined to put their signatures to that scheme. Mr Norman Biggs, former chairman of Williams and Glyn's Bank, Sir Jack Callard, former Chairman of ICI, and Mr Barrie Heath, chairman of Guest, Keen and Nettlefold, want a slower introduction of participation, with workers sitting in a minority on a supervisory board in a two-tier structure.

Participation, they argue, should involve all employees, not just trade unionists, at every stage. It should not be introduced in a company until

an employees' council has been in successful operation for at least three years. Banks and insurance compa-nies should be exempt from confidentiality and the reputa-tion of the City of London as a world financial centre. appended by the tenth mem-

ber of the committee, Mr Nicholas Wilson, a parmer in a firm of solicitors, Slaughter and May. He speaks for those who believe governments cannot legislate for virtue, and wants participation to applied voluntarily, legally.
The debate revolves around

the contention that a period of grave economic uncertainty and manifest social disharmon is no time to embark upon so risky an experiment which, once implemented, cannot be undone and the counter-argument that none of these ills is capable of remedy without a fundamental sea-change in economic and social relationships.

Mr John Methven, Director-General of the CBI, who was on the Bullock committee but resigned lastJul y when he took up his present post, is perhaps the most outspoken of the pessimists. In a speech to the Insti-tute of Personnel Management in October he portrayed union participation in pension funds and the Government's plans for worker-directors as the thin end an attempt by the unions to dominate the commanding

heights of the economy.
"The CBI will fight the extremely dangerous drift in gov-ernment policy towards disfranchising non-unionized workers", he told the institute. Mr Booth, Secretary of State Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, is the Cab-

worker-participation, made the " energy-release " for it in an address last month to the Industrial Society. For Mr Booth it is not simply a matter of equity or effici-ency: "We are too highly eloped a nation not capitalize on the sophistication of our most valuable asset—

people....
I am convinced from examples I have seen in action that if interest and initiative are encouraged, an unsuspected seam of expertise, knowledge, talent and energy can opened up ", he said.

But, to greater and lesser degrees, we are all participators now, the CBI and the Conservative Party included. Ironically, the most potent exceptions to this cliche are found within the TUC itself, particularly in the person of Mr Hugh Scanlor president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. He believes the way forward in the private sector is not workerdirectors but an extension of traditional collective bargaining. The view that workers should not risk losing their identities and unions their time-honoured function through seats in the

Participation was the Zeitgeist of the late 1960s. Even that inspired monument of the ancien régime, President de Gaulle, saw it as the remedy for France's ills after the events May, 1968-

boardroom is not without sup-

port among the labour move-

Given the usual time-lag with phenomena of that kind, it is being written into statute across Western Europe in the mid-1970s, Britain bringing up the or anybody." inet's most fervent advocate of

ment cite in their support the West German experience where codetermination has been a particularly in the commanding-height industries of coal, iron and steel, since 1951. The CBI wants participation to be built from the ground up and expressed, German-style, primarily through works councils representative of all

If that gradualist approach proved successful, legislation standardizing the best existing practices might be possible within the 10-year period

within the 10-year period envisaged in the EEC Green Paper on the subject in 1975. Mr Prior. Conservati spokesman on employment, wants participation "enshrined through codes of practice rather minority worker representation

give the whole thing a financial incentive through profit-sharing. Typically, in Britain the debate is conducted in a involving comparisons with the great Reform Act of 1832, which extended the electoral franchise, and with distinct overtones of Now we must educate our

masters, Mr Prior wants a joint train-ing programme for shop stewards and management. Mr Booth talks of "a major train-ing programme" for worker-

Whether you believe that strife will be permanently built into the country's foremost wealth producers by the Government's plans or at long last a long-term solution will be found to our industrial woes, and a new legitimacy given to management, the reality may turn out to be dispppointingly

Mr Eric Batstone, of Warwick University, who compiled a study of Western European practice for the Bullock commitee, told his sponsors: "Two conclusions can fairly easily be reached: first worker-directors have generally had little affect on anything, and, second . . . they have certainly had no catastrophic effect on anything

Last end tries to shake off an albatross

Among candidates for any attish programme of urban nived, the east end of Glasgow nds a shabby head and nulders above the rest. In 00 acres are contained every uptom of urban dereliction lustrial decline and economic

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From Elec-

The population has fallen by nost two thirds in two professional parted long ago; demic performance ool-leavers is generally low, it the level of crime and vanism is uncomfortably high; re is a large proportion of gle-parent families; and re are not enough baths and

iven in good economic times le seemed to be done about grim legacy of more prosous times. The occasional at by buildozer has done le more than create vacant, ble strewn plots, and the Palance its books leaves little that the scale of assist-e required will be found

was an inevitable but brave ision by the Scottish Devenent Agency to accept the llenge of reviving the area, ause its success or failure reflect directly on the vance of the agency as an rument of urban improveRegional report '

Ronald Faux Glasgow

Some estimates suggest that since the war £12,000m has been spent on Glasgow in proroads and improving social facilities. But the east end of the city had two rivals for the agency's assistance within Glasgow. The main criticism of earlier attempts to set things right is that they produced anonymous blocks of flats which have been described as

inhuman deserts. The agency planners believe that the city's anxieties cannot be alleviated merely by pumping in money and providing new roofs. Success must rely on more imaginative ways of injecting confidence into the east end to attract industrialists. commercial entrepreneurs and

private builders. Mr Richard Colwell, urban renewal director for the deve-lopment agency, thinks the task would be more complicated than building a new rown, although some of the techniques that have proved successful in that direction could be applied. The agency will coordinate a

clyde Regional Council, Glasgow District Council and the Scottish Special Housing Association will take part, About £120m is to be spent on the project which has been labelled the Glasgow Eastern Area Renewal (Gear).

The first steps in the project here been to select about a dozen short-term plans. They include renovation of London Road, the main traffic route through the area. There is to be an early start on building small factory workshops, the two-men-and-a-boy " nesses which have been the backbone of the east end.

A study is to be made of pol lution in the area, and the Clyde riverside walkway is to be extended. The governing committee is preparing longer-term strategies for creating jobs and for housing, shops

But how much would have been done without the agency's intervention and how much of the £120m is new money? Mr Colwell commented: "Whether new or old, it is to be spent on this project and will not be affected by the curs. That is what really matters."

The agency plans a sensitive approach to the housing programme and will concentrate on renewing old property rather than building new.

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lew theatre director is excited but terrified?

me of the difficulties Miss e Venables faces as the new ctor of productions for Theatre kshop at Stratford, in east don, is that the Theatre Royal 1 old building and needs much itenance. "Getting money for ial works is more difficult at ent", she said.
We do get various grants from

We do get various grants from Arts Council, the GLC and ons local authorities, but we not rich by any means. The r broke down over Christmas, it has been mended and the tre is warm again. It is one he hazards of working in a y Victorian theatre."

e has worked with members a permanent company all over country in the past 12 years she cavisages a mixture of actions, including new works the "greats". The present action of Old King Cole, her will be followed years ments. uction of Oid King Cole, her will be followed next month Sean O'Caser's The Silvere, and then the company in two, one half doing a al of A Tasts of Honey, an wel play, and the other prega new production, probably sical, with a jubilee theme. the theatre's youth work will. me and will be developed, there will again be a number



Miss Clare Venables: " A lot to live up to."

Miss Venables, who has com-plete control of artistic policy and the responsibility of future programme planning, said her new appointment was "very exciting" and added: "I am absolutely terrified". But the theatre was an "incredible heritage, a lot to live up to".

ive of family die in fire spite rescue attempts

ey were Mr Kenneth Kitchiged 45, his wife, Florence, 45, two of their children, iged six and Gail, aged 10,

their grandmother, Mrs Walker, aged 67. o other children, who ed to safety, David and en Kitching, were taken to agton Memorial Hospital ing from shock and were

family of five died in a detained. A neighbour, Mr at their terraced home in Matthew Davison, encouraged n Road, Newton Aycliffe, them to jump from a first-floor urham, early yesterday. Police said that after David

and Stephen Kitching jumped they saw their younger brother, Ian, at the window, but he would not jump.

Mr Davidson and another neighbour were beaten back by flames as they tried to force their way into the house. Mr broke a toe trying to kick the door in.

300 doctors back women's right to choose abortion

Three hundred doctors who believe that women should be allowed to decide for themselves whether to have an abortion have formed a new the service of the ser group, Doctors for a Woman's Choice on Abortion.

They want changes in the law so that women make the final decision, not doctors. "Such a move would not amount to abortion on demand, as doctors would not be forced to do abortions against their will", Dr Judith Bury, the group's co-ordinator, said yesterday.

"We want to show that there is a large and growing number of doctors who support the idea of a woman's right to choose'

The group will press for a more even spread of facilities for abortions, through the National Health Service. At present a woman is eight times more likely to get a health ser-vice abortion in Newcastle upon Tyne than in Birmingham.

By-election choice A movement called New

Britain, which wants to halt coloured immigration, is to contest the parliamentary by-election in the City of London and Westminster, South, caused by the resignation of Mr C. Tugendhat, who has joined the EEC Commission. Its candidate is Mr Dennis Delderfield. At the general election Mr Tugendhat (Conservative) had a majority of 5,761.

Couple found dead

Mr John Joseph Smith, aged 65, a retired dockworker, and his wife, Mabel, aged 64, of Milethorpe Street, Garsion, Liverpool, were found dead in their home on Saturday. They had not been seen since December 31. The police do not

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Washington, Jan 9

sources, and partly because Signor Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, visited Wash-ington before Christmas and

had a long meeting with Mr Mondale and Mr Cyrus Vance,

organizing the next economics summit of Western leaders.

the Japanese Government also feels it got its invitation

year as President.

Bilbao, Jan 9.—A boy of 15 was reported killed today as riot police fought with nearly 10,000 demonstrators in the Basque town of Sestao. Hospital sources said that the youth had been found dead

in a street while police dis-persed the crowd with smoke ombs, tear gas and rubber cullets. Some demonstrators later said he had fallen when jumping a wall to escape police. The boy was identified a Juan Manuel Iglesias Sanchez.

the only son of a Bilbao facthe only son of a Bilbao factory worker.—Reuter.

Our Madrid Correspondent
writes: The Government permitted Spanish parents this
weekend to name their
children as they see fit.

An order published at the weekend authorizes the inscrip-tion of a name "in any of the Spanish larguages" in official

birth records. Spain has at least four distinct languages and many diathe change is important especially to regional nationalist groups, who have long chafed under the central Government's requirement that

Castilian.
The Ministry of Information and Tourism ordered the confiscation of the latest issue of the Bazque weekly publication Giz-argui. No official reason was given, but it is believed that the authorities were annoyed by an article about police actions in the Basque

publisher of another Basque magazine. Punta y Eus-kalerria, is in prison awaiting court-martial on a charge of disrespect to the military. The publisher, Senorita Mirentxu Purroy, is accused of having printed a letter from a reader alleging excessive police vio-

In Pamplona, the editors of the Basque periodical Berriak received another threat, by mail, in an envelope bearing a San Sebastian postmark, from the Sixth Commando Group of Adolf Hitler. The right-wing extremists said that the magozine "has been sentenced to an attack on its offices, like the one in San Sebastian". The San Sebastian offices of the magazine were destroyed by arson last month.

In Madrid, a public prosecu-tor said that he would ask for a sentence of 18 months' imprisonment and a fine of 300,000 pesetus (£2,607) on Señor Enrique Baron, a labour lawyer, on three charges of disrespect to the authorities. The charges are based on remerks made by Senor Baron in an article in the news mag-azine Cambio-16.

New leader for Maltese opposition party

From Our Correspondent Valletta, Jan 9
Dr Edward Fenech Adami, aged 42, was elected today as

and their sentences and their sentences to life imprisonment. The death penalty in France is often commuted.

The men were convicted of murdering Mr Clive Latter, by a Socialist, Signor Giorgio Eenvenuto, on Friday. "If the Government resorts to a legistical death of the converse of th leader designate of the Maltese opposition Nationalist Party. opposition Nationalist Party.

He will succeed Dr George Borg
Olivier on a day to be decided
by the party executive in consultation with the outgoing

leader.

Dr Fenech Adami is a law graduate of Malta University, and president of the party's rational council and administrative council. He is Shadow Min-ister of Labour and Social Services and was for seven years editor of the party paper.

Enigma of why Arab terrorist leader risked visit to Paris

Paris, Jan 5

Abu Daoud, held tonight in custody by French counter-intelligence, is one of the most daring leaders of Black September, the Palestinian terrorist organization.

His role in the Munich Olympics massacre in 1972 was to map our locations and move-ments of the Israeli athletes' quarters, arrange for the supply of weapons, and make opera-tional orders for the terrorist kidnapping team.

Originally a lawyer, he rose to new heights after the Munich operation only to be captured four months later when he led a team of guerrillas trying to kidnap members of the Jor-danian Government. His "confessions of Black September secrets under Jordanian inter-rogation provided the most surprising intelligence to date on the structure and workings of the Palestinian movement's

Since the Jordanian débâcle he has played a somewhat diminished role in the power structure of Al Fatah, though children should bear names in he has remained a member of the Revolutionary Council of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Moreover he has powerful friends in the leadership including Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), the creator of Black September, and leftist leaders in the organization like Naji Aloush and Munir Shafik.

During the Lebanese civil war, Mr Abu Daoud led the Fatah military campaign that spearheaded the leftist armies' thrust into the hotel district of

Beirut.
The presence in Paris of this tall, bulky Arab has raised suspicious over the true worth of Mahmoud Saleh, whose funeral he came to attend. Mr Saleh, a 33-year-old PLO official of Mauritanian origin had once been temporary head of the PLO office in Paris. But nominally he did not hold high office at the time that two mystery killers shot him dead outside

Reprieve for

British couple

Toulouse, Jan 9.—A defence lawyer for two gypsies reprieved yesterday after being

sentenced to death for the murder of two British hitch-hikers, said today his two clients had already suffered. Mattre Alain Furbury said:

"Death penalty supporters can rest assured, these two gypsies

They were reprieved by President Giscard d'Estaing

murdering Mr Clive Latter, aged 23, and Miss Joyce Kay Jaffe, aged 21, his fiancee, with a hedge pruning knife in August, 1972.

M. Furbury's colleague.

Maitre Pierre Lamoureaux, who

Maire Pierre Lamoureaux, who also defended the men, said todny: "It was the first death sentence I had to deal with. I hope it will be my last."

The gypsies, Joseph Keller, aged 24, and Marcellin Horneich, aged 28, were reprieved after an appeal against their death sentences on charges of murder. rape. indecent

murder, rape, indecent assault, theft and receiving, was rejected.—Reuter.

killers of

bave suffered."

Lisbon plans | Mr Carter's Vice-President to cash aid for private firms

the economy.

Many small and mediumsized private firms with inadequate capital before the 1974

But Dr Gomes emphasized also the continuing funda-mental role of the state sector. All three state secretaries who worked with Dr Walter Rosa, the Minister of Industry who resigned last week, have been confirmed in their posts. They are criticized by the Portuguese Confederation of Industry for their alleged left-

wing views.

Speaking at Dr Gomes's swearing in ceremony, President Eanes also insisted on a clear definition of the role of private investment, so as to encourage

should be punished for achieving success within well established rules".

Dr Soares, the Prime Minister, had his Government's

economic policies approved overwhelmingly at a meeting of the party's new national council of 126 members last night. But the West Germans for his arrest, they took him into custody. He has since been held without any official comment

year. The Government says this could cut Italy's 20 per cent

inflation rate by about 6 per

pains to point out this weekend

mean that negotiations with

the Government have broken

down. The leaders have man-

aged to withstand calls from some of their members for a

general strike and are still pre-pared to go on talking.

They have also made it clear.

key issue is not incomes but investment policies and jab

of the communists, who are keeping a careful eye on the

present Government union talks as they have no wish to find

themselves out of step with

union feeling.
Union leaders say they are

quite prepared to accept a voluntary wages freeze on the condition that they are guaran-

teed regular, three-monthly in-creases tied to the cost of

living. This undertaking satis-

fies neither the Government, nor the IMF, however, as it

leaves what they consider to be the most important issue un-

that their tough stand does not

Trade unionists have been at

Warning by Italian unions

on wage rise curbs





Abu Daoud: A daring leader fallen from grace.

Mr saleh was the fourth

Palestiniae guerrilla official to be assassing ed in Paris in as many years. The PLO claimed last week that his murder was part of a new Zionist assassination campaign in France aimed at liquidating the movement's European connexions. Whatever importance

Saleh may have bad, the PLO responded promptly by sending an unexpectedly powerful delegation to mourn him. In the first place it was led by Mr Muhammad Abu Maizer (Abu Hatem), the member of the PLO executive council in charge of foreign relations. Secondly, it included Mr Abu Daoud.

As Youssef Raji Hana, the false identity given in his

forged Iraqi passport, Mr Abu

Daoud was received with his fellow-mourners at the Quai d'Orsay on Thursday.

It was not until Friday night, after the Saleh funeral, that the counter-intelligence men descended on Abu Daoud's hotel, La Résidence Saint Honoré. Acting on the red warning circular, put out by

From Our Correspondent

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the

Italian Prime Minister, has been

warned by trade union leaders that they are not prepared to accept any unilateral Govern-ment action to alter the present

system of automatic wage increases tied to the rise in the

The union attitude was given at a two-day meeting in Rome of some 2,000 local union offi-

to all forms of mobilizing the workers to fight it", he declared.

Signor Andreotti has said that

Signor Andreott has said that Italy is unlikely to be gramed further loans by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) unless the so-called "escalator"

wage increase system is modi-fied.

But union leaders rejected his

indecent proposal last week that the receiving, number of such increases should be reduced from four to two per

Rome, Jan 9

cost of living.

revolution, have since been in financial trouble because of the wage "explosion" in 1975, wage "explosion" in 1975, rising costs of raw materials and falling demand. The banks have often bad to finance wage

private savings

"It is not a crime against society to be successful", General Eanes said. "No one

June. Mr Carter had faced a choice of attending an "atmos-pheric" summit immediately his inauguration, deferring it until the substantive issues would be better understood in the new Adminis-tration, informed sources dis-

He resolved the choice by

on his tour of Allied capitals Mr Walter Mondale will visit

discuss economic issues

Mr Waiter Mondale will visit London and capitals of other American allies, including Tokyo, in two weeks' time shortly after being sworn in as Mr Carter's Vice-President.

The itinerary is not yet fixed but, beginning in Brussels on January 23, the Vice-President will make a week's round-thecontinued mood of coopera-Mr Mondale is not a "substi-Mr Mondale is not a substi-tute". On the contrary, send-ing him is intended to show how seriously Mr Carter takes the task of fostering the closwill make a week's round-the-world trip to Tokyo, via Lon-don, Paris and Bonn, as Mr Carter's personal emissary. est cooperation with the allies.
Unlike past Vice-Presidents
Mr Mondale has already
received lavish attention and Italy is the principal partner left out, partly because of time, according to informed

promotion from Mr Carter. The President-elect vows he will treat him as a true deputy real treat him as a true tiephty
President, a man as fully
briefed as himself on all policies and secrets, his "top staff
person" in managing the
Government between White
House and Congress.

Mr Carter said he would be

who is to be the next Secre-tary of State.

Mr Mondale issued a statetelephoning the leaders of the countries Mr Mondale is to ment calling his journey a presidential "fact finding and consultation" mission on visit some time later this week. These, he said, would be his first contacts with foreign leaders since winning the elecconsultation mission on economic as well as political and security issues. The jourtion. Foreign governments are

ney, first announced by Mr Carter yesterday, is intended to be the first step towards thus on notice that they are not being fobbed off with a ceremonial stand-in but with a serious politician, well informed especially on foreign policy matters. He will be con-This is expected to be held in late May or June and Mr Carter said yesterday that he would attend, making it the one exception to his wish to stay at home during his first veving to them the new Administration's intentions in foreign policy, which appear to have some nervous chancellries worried, as well as reporting back to Mr Carter their own reactions.

London has been discussed as the site of the summit, but Mr Mondale will be accom-panied by a small group of high officials, which is to infirst, at the close of the last clude new appointees at the State and Treasury Departmeeting in Puerto Rico, last ments. It will probably also in-clude Mr David Aaron, who is scheduled to be appointed deputy to Professor Zbigniaw Brzezinski on the White House National Security Council Staff, Mr Aaron has served as a foreign and defence policy adviser on Mr Mondale's year. Senate staff.

sending Mr Mondale immediately. This, the same sources say, is an earnest of his wish for the summit to accomplish something solid, more than a statistical sending solid, more than a might coordinate our Nato

dale's foreign talks.

He would be discussing, he said, "better means by which we might coordinate our Nato policies, deal with the problems of the increased oil prices and also share with them some of our potential plans at that point for helping resolve the problems surrounding Cyprus with Turkey and Greece, the Middle East and the southern Africa question "

He singled out providing foreigners with details of his newly outlined plan to bring a prompt stimulus to the American economy".
On southern Africa, it is

learnt that the present Administration advising its successor that the Rhodesian conference, in spite of appearances, is on the rails. Indeed, the incoming Administration is being told to assume that the British Government will manage to get everyone on time to majority rule, however much the pain and struggle in dragging them

Mr Carter declared yesterday that he had no wish "to preempt the British Govern-ment" in the Rhodesia negotiations, and he wanted all to know that he backed Britain's efforts.

He said that he would meet the leaders of Canada and Mexico early in his Administration; the traditional first visitors from the country's closest neighbours. Mr Calla-ghan is expected to come after

Mr Carter also mentioned that he would send emissaries "potential adversaries" as las to allies. Mr Vance, after attending a luncheon yes-terday given by Dr Kissinger for Mr Huang Chen, head of the Chinese Liaison Office here, annunced that he would visiting Peking "some e", presumably later this

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Mr Carter 'in church vote to bar blacks? From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Jun 9 President-elect Jimmy Carter

is reported today to have voted with the all-white congregation of the Baptist church he attends or the Baptist Church he attends in Plains, Georgia to reject applications to join from three black activists.

The church's "watch commit-

tee" reported to the congregation that the applicants did not live in the community and had been uncooperative.

The congregation met in private. Mr Carter was said not

They have also made it clear, to have taken the floor, but to however, that in their view the have voted to accept the committee's report. The leading applicant, the right of the people who live in Rev Clennon King, of Albany, this country." Georgia, 40 miles from Plains,

protested angrily at the deci-sion and promised to be back nert week.

Mr King applied to join the all-white church on the eve of the November election. He was denounced as a troublemaker, but his action succeeded in getting the church to repeal its' bar against membership for

blacks and civil rights workers. The Rev Bruce Edwards, the church pastor, who favoured the desegregation of the church, said today he was sure that a black applicant from Plains would be accepted.

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Muzorewa group rejects Lusaka declaration

From Michael Knipe

Salisbury, Jan 9
Bishop Abel Muzorewa's
Rhodesian notionalist faction today dismissed the importance of the apparent decision of the five "front-line" African presidents in Lusaka to give "full political, meterial and diplomatic support" to the rival Patriotic Front led by Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe.

Dr Gordon Chavunduka, secretary-general of the Muzn-rewa faction, said: "The presidents do not have the right to tell the saven million people in Rhodesia what they should do and feel. That is the

Dr Chavunduka said the Muzorewa group would return to the Geneva conference if and when it resumed, regardless of what the "smaller" African nationalist factions decided Meanwhile a nationalist guerrilla who has admitted killing seven people, including three Roman Catholic mission-

aries, is believed to have escaped from police custody yesterday across the border into Zambia.

Albert Sumbo Ncube, aged 26, was apparently taken by shuttle dip police to a Victoria Falls motel than most in connexion with the killing suggested.

there in October of a white Rhodesian. While police have refused to

comment, Victoria Falls residents say they heard shore early yesterday and saw an African man clad only in his underwear and shirt running in the direction of the Zambezi river, the border between Rhodesia and Zambia. Mr Neube confirmed in Bulawayo magistrates court on December 31 that he had will-

ingly made statements admitting the killing of seven people, including the former Bishop of Bulawayo, Mgr Adolf Schmitt. He was due to appear again on Jenuary 14. Dar es Salaam, Jan 9.— Hundreds of Rhodesian guer-

rillas have been killed in Mozambique during clashes be-tween rival factions of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), the Rev Ndaban-ingi Sithole, a nationalist leader, said today.—Reuter,

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Robert McCrindle, to every form of criticism sug-Conservative MP for Brentwood gests that power has gone to and Ongar, who returned from South Africa vesterday, said that cope and, in a sense, this is a after talks with politicians there kind of panic behaviour. after talks with politicians there he was convinced the chances of success for Mr Ivor Richard's shuttle diplomacy were better than most observers had think Mr Foot is wrong and he ought to remember that."

Murdoch appointment of two new editors

From Peter Strafford New York Jan 9

Mr Rupert Murdoch, the Autralian newspaper owne: named new editors this weel end for the two main acquis tions he has made recently i New York. He appointed M Edwin Bolwell, formerly c Edwin Bonwell, formerly (
Time magazine and The Ner
York Times, to be editor (
the New York Post, and M
James Brady, an Australian, a
editor of New York magazine.

The appointments mark th full emergence of Mr Murdoc as a power in the newspape world of New York after h world of New York after he stormy takeover of the New York Magazine Company laweek. They also herald wha in the view of some comment tors, could be a newspaper wiin New York.

Under its previous owne Mrs Dorothy Schiff, the Ne York Post was a declining force It was the city's only evening newspaper, and the survivor a hard fought newspaper war but its circulation was goin down, and the Daily New among others, was thinking a starting up a rival.

Now that Mr Murdoch he taken it over, plans of this so, are likely to be shelved, for th time, at least. Mr Murdoch he made it clear that he intent to build up the newspape improving its coverage is several areas, and attracting new readers.

New York has only thre

morning papers, The New Yor Times, the Daily News, and th Wall Street Journal, and M Murdoch has not ruled of changing the Post into a morn ing paper if the going gen rough. There was nothing, h commented recently, which gave The New York Times and the Daily Post a monopoly (the morning.

The Daily News, a tabloid, likely to be the first to feel th effect of the new competition But even The New York Time is not as strong as it was, an recently began an extensiv campaign to shore up its pos tion, by changing its layou brightening up its editorial pas and publishing new suppl-

Labour MP says Mr Foot is wrong over India

Mr John Lee. Labour MP for Birmingham, Handsworth, yes terday criticized Mr Michae Foot, Leader of the House of Commons, for denouncing pur-of an article on India in The Times by Bernard Levin.

In the article, Mr Levin had written: "The truth is that Mrs Gandhi (the Indian Prime Minister) wants to be a dictator. and is going to be.

Mr Lee said vesterday: "I do not like Mr Levin, but I feel the balance of the argument is his way."

He added: "The way Mrs

Gandhi has petulantly reacted her head or that she cannot



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Pope announces reforms for Rome diocese

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Jan 9
The Pope has ennounced that
he intends to appoint a secretary-general in the Vicariate of
Rome as part of reforms in his
own diocese. The Pope, who is
also Bishop of Rome, said his
changes were intended to encourage the city's faithful to act
against "the dangers of moral against " the dangers of mora

against "the dangers of moral and religious decadence".

He also hoped the diocese would be governed "with new efficiency, in harmony with the changed needs of present

The practice of appointing a secretary-general in Rome tell into disuse about 10 years ago, apparently as a result of the Second Vatican Council. It now appears that the Pope, who already appoints a vicar-general to run his diocese on his behalf, wishes to increase his incluence in the religious affairs of the city by appointing a second official. nominating a second official to be answerable to him.

Signor Forlani to discuss trade in Russia From Our Correspondent

Signor Arnaldo Forlani, the Italian Foreign Minister, flies to Moscow tomorrow at the start of a four-day official visit

which is likely to focus on trade arrangements between Italy and Russia.
Italy is the Soviet Union's fourth crading partner in the West and imports more than one-fifth of its natural gas needs from Russia. But the Government here is anxious to increase exports, which requires a system of credit

arrangements.

A credit of \$900m (about £530m) granted to the Soviet Union just over a year ago has aircady been exhausted, but because of Italy's severe economic difficulties. Rome is not now in a position to provide degree of supervision that has further credit.

Lebanese kept ignorant of battle and mutiny investors in the event of another conflict. Yet the incidents which have gone unreported in the Beirut press—or have been officially suppressed when foreign correspondents tried to make inquiries or send dis-patches from the country—tell

a different story. They include: A shooting in the hotel district of Beirut in which, according to three eye-witnesses, Syrian troops under the command of an officer, publicly shot dead a captured pro-Iraq Baathist, moments after he had allegedly shot and killed three

allegedly shot and killed three Syrian soldiers.

2. A fierce gun buttle three days ago between Christian Phalangist gunmen and Syrian soldiers at the northern Lebanese port of Batroun. The Syrians were trying to prevent the Phalangists from using the small harbour in the town to ferry in equipment for a newand exclusively Christian—airport being built five miles away. away.

3. The kidnapping and murder of three leading Muslims from the eastern Lebanese town of Baalbek, all of them mem-bers of the well-known Hujeiri

family. All were killed in the Christian quarter of Beirut, not far from the ruins of the Tal far from the ruins of the Tcl
Zaatar refugee camp.

4. A mutiny at the Muslim
Lebanese Army barracks in
west Beirut yesterday, when 140
soldiers from the Baalbek
region tried to storm their own
armoury in order to pick up armoury in order to pick up enough weapons to mount a retaliatory raid on a Christian area after the Hujeiri killings. Second-lieutenant al-Khatib, the soldier who commanded the Muslim wing of the Lebanese Army during the civil war, was hurriedly called in by the authorities to pacify the soldiers. soldiers.

5. Christian plans for a right-

wing conference to be held in Beirut on January 21, to discuss the "decentralization"—or partition—of Lebanon.
One of the facts of life about which the Lebanese can have few illusions, however, is the

lives. Although neither newspapers in Beirut nor foreign wing " or "Christian" or no one was able to report this.

Correspondents may write about "Muslim" should not be used During their occupation of correspondents may write about the censorship, the Lebanese national television network, which is under government supervision, last week showed film of government officials at work in the offices of the Surete Generale in Beirut, deleting passages from newspaper reports with red-felt pens.

In one scene—which may or may not have been intended to

kers who want to know if financial secrecy will be safe-guarded in Lebanon—the film showed telephone tapping equipcentral telegraph exchange. In the past three days, journalists have discovered something far more inister about the Lebanese Govern-

ment's newly-acquired, though perfectly legal, control of the press. They have found that almost anything they choose to report on the activities of rightwing Christian leaders like Mr Pierre Cempvel or Mr Camille Chamoun will be passed by the censor: but that almost any reference to Mr Kemel Jumbert of the Leftist Alliance blift of the Leftist Alliance and every reference to the Palestinians is ruthlessly excised by government officials. This is scarcely surprising Only two of the 20 censors working in Beirust are Muslims. Of the 18 Christians, several are known to have worked for the Phalangist party during the civil war; and the head of the censorship board, Colonel censorship hoard, Colonel Antoine Oabdah, is a personal friend of the right-wing exPresident Francisch.
When I colled at the consorts

office last Friday, I immediately recognized the poverment official sent to escort me into the bailding. We had previously not during the war last autumn. He had been one of a number of armed guernen to seen my car on the Christian front line near the Beirur Museum to check my identity,

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Autport officials say privately that a number of Egyptians have recently flown into Lebanon and the Palestinians claim that these areas policy. scriber trunk dialling system has suddenly broken down: which means that telephone callers abroad must now con-

tact the operator before talking

to a subscriber. How long the foreign press representatives can remain in Beirut under these conditions remains to be seen. Certainly, the Lebanese authorities would be happy to see them depart. When the BEC correspondent in Beirut asted Colonel Dandah at a press conference last week whether he did not think that the strict censorshin would drive journalist; out of Lebanon and to Cyprus. Colonel Dahdah replied: "Well, I'm told that the weather is very warm in Cyprus just now."

For the local press the situation is much more serious. An Nahar, the prominent independent Beirut newspaper, is to dent Beirut newspaper, is to dent Beirut newspaper, in publish a business newspaper in Paris in order, in the words of one journalist, to "breathe of one journalist, to "breathe imposed on all Lebanese published on all Lebanes of one journalist, to "breathe some freedom outside the country". Three Christian journalists on a second paper (they asked not to be identified) have already left for Cyprus to try to find work in Nicosia.

Two employees of the pro-Libyan, leftist newspaper As Sajir spent 10 days being closely interrogated in the annexe of a

interrogated in the annexe of a censorship rules.

Damascus prison after their Mr Iskandar said he imaginet Damascus prison after their newspaper's offices were temporarily occupied in Beirut by Syrian troops. They were released only after the president of the Lebanon Process and after their th of the Lebanese Press syndicate travelled to Damascus to ask for The censors in Beirut insist their release. They returned to Reuter.

the newspapers, the Syrians took a large number of documents and files, most of their relating to Syria, the Palestin ians and President Sadat of

Egypt.
Syrian troops of the Arat
League peace force are, of
course, not alone in keeping
watch on the population. They

men are Egyptian secret police sent to watch the Syrians, who sent to watch the Syrians, who are watching the Lebanese. This element of farce might be in trinsically humorous if it were not likely to be true.

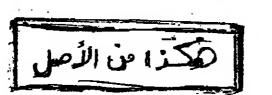
Beirut, Jan 9 (Censored) of Mr Ahmed Iskandar, the Syriat Information Minister, said in the said honourable journal ists in Lebanou had advocated the introduction of tough cen.

the introduction of tough censorship regulations last week.

Mr Iskandar told the Lebam
ese weekly Monday Morning
that some journalists here they
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censorship rules.

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the third last. But Zeta's Son responded well to pressure and it was clear that he would win as they raced towards the last

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at Chepstow just before Christmas would not have credited him with

the ability to win a race of this nature. But win he did, and now his sights are set firmly on the

Triumph Hurdle which his trainer, Sraff Ingham, has already won

Sroff Ingham, has already won twice with Pundit and England's

Early Spring, who won the Express Handicap Steeplechase so

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Urban terror

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in Soweto

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Jan 9 A possible link berween an

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Peking posters call two for Mr Teng to ew editon be Prime Minister

From David Bonavia

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Huge crowds today again

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n psychiatric hospitals for poll-reasons.

Although several have been

Or Mykola

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The release from jail of Mr

light of Soviet dissidents held

reed, one of the most promin-nt remaining imprisoned is Dr

Born in 1936 in the Kiev reg-

with distinction" from medi-

al school. He worked for a me in a children's sanatorium

ind then in a medical institute in Kiev. In 1969 he was ques-

ioned by state security officials

bout his relations with kranian nationalist writers.

The following year he wrote

everal statements defending Ikrainian political prisoners

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v Institute of Forensic Psyuatry. The official diagnosis

as that Dr Plakhotnynk was iffering from "schizophrenia ith delusions of persecution".

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ing him, to the obvious sarisfaction of onlookers.

One poster today demanded that Chiang Ching and her three "accomplices" should appear on television at a struggle meeting". At strug-gle meetings in China the guilty parties appear before thousands of people who shout abuse and insults at them for hours on end.

Other posters used the worst insults in the Chinese language against the "gang of four" ("turtle eggs" and "rotten France-



New C-in-C: General Viktor Kulikov, aged 55, a wartime Soviet tank officer who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Warsaw Pact forces. He succeeds Marshal Ivan Yakubovsky, who died in November at the age of 64. Since he was made Soviet Chief of General Staff in 1971, General Kulikov has earned a reputation as an ambitious innovator intent on promoting younger generals with techno-

Protests at Jerusalem evictions of Arabs

Jerusalem, Jan 9

Evictions of Arab families from Jerusalem's Old City were attacked today as damaging prospects of a peace settle-ment in the Middle East. The Committee for a Just Peace be-tween Israel and the Arabs called a press conference to draw attention to the expul-sion of three families, totalling 31 people, from houses close to the Jewish quarter. A committee member, Mr

Daniel Amit, said that a new framework of relations be-tween Jews and Arabs had to be built but this process was being hindered by the evic-tions and other moves against Arabs.

Introducing members of the evicted families, he said that the loss of their homes was an indication that the authorities "will not tolerate the existence of a single Arab family in the Jewish quarter ".

The three families had been forcibly evicted from their homes, owned by the Moghrabi Wakf (Muslim Charitable Trust), and the houses were demolished, the committee's service.

Science Editor

The Jerusalem Post today families had once before been carries a report from its Londor forcibly moved in 1967, when don correspondent on a letter their homes close to the Wail- to The Times by the Dean of their homes close to the Wail- to The Times by the Dean of their homes close to the Wail- to The Times by the Dean of their homes close to the Wail- to The Times by the Dean of their homes close to the Wail- to The Times by the Dean of their homes close to the Wail- to The Times by the Dean of the Times by the Dean of their homes close to the Wail- to The Times by the Dean of the Tim

which had been destroyed be-

of the Chain were receiving notices to vacate their property, in spite of a pledge given by the mayor of Jerusalem that they would be able to continue to live and work there.

The Committee for a Just

Peace alleged that a plan for the "renewal" of the Muslim quarter, which would involve the expulsion of thousands of Arabs from the Old City, was beginning to be put into effect. It added that this was "not so much urban renewal as Arab removal". Arabs were being offered alternative bousing near Bethany but if they accepted they would lose their status as residents of Jerusa-

Mr Amit said that the evic-tions in the Moghrabi area were absurd when there were flats empty in the new Jewish quarter and nobody was asking for them. Arabs had applied for them but had been rejected because they did not meet the criteria, which required applicants to be resi-dents of Israel (but not of east Jerusalem), new Jewish immi-grants or to have had army

their homes close to the Wailing Wall were demolished.

Mr Amit pointed out that lem, the Very Rev Clive Hanthe demolished houses were
not in the Jewish quarter correspondent said that the which had been destroyed be-tween 1948 and 1967 but in the the Old City evictions, secured Muslim quarter. He said that through court orders, are part the intention was to enlarge of the restoration of the Jewthe new Jewish quarter to ish quarter, whose entire population was removed at the Arab shopkeepers and residents in the area of the Street tion in 1948.

Egyptian minister walks out of Arab conference

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Jan 9.— Organization. They were to dis-Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian cuss financial aid from the oil-rich states to Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the PLO.

Saudi sources said that Mr Fahmi had apparently decided

edly.
The conference was called to discuss financial aid to the so-called "confrontation states"

facing Israel. No reason for Mr Fahmi's departure was given. According to the Saudi News Agency, Mr Fahmi expressed the hope in an airport statement before leaving that "the conference isy regional court accepted the the diagnosis and the retumended treatment and Driakhotnyuk was sent to the nepropetrovak special psychiawill yield positive results"

The conference included seven other Arab foreign ministers and a representative of the Palestinian Liberation AP.

Russian accused

Newark, New Jersey, Jan 9.

pass United States space secrets to the Soviet Union

The man, Ivan Rogalsky, aged 34, was remanded in custody. If he is convicted, he

could be sentenced to death.

Mr Rogalsky, who entered this country four years ago and

worked as a motor mechanic

in New Jersey, was arrested

Investigation said he had in

his possession documents relat-

sensitive Defence Department

project under study at Prince-

ton, New Jersey. The statement

said Mr Rogalsky was interested

specifically in the space shuttle

last night
The Federal Bureau

of spying on

the United Nations.

space project

Fahmi had apparently decided to walk our when it became evident that the conference was unwilling to meet Egypt's request for continuing financial support. He left the conference 30 minutes after it started.

The confrontation states have been complaining that they have not been receiving the full amount of aid promised them at the pan-Arab summit conference at Rabat in 1974, to cover the at Rabat in 1974, to cover the losses sustained as a result of the Arab-Israeli war in 1973.—

restraint, but we snould not permit them to develop an asymmetry in space."

Struggle goes on, Czech dissident says

Vienna, Jan 9 .- Vaclav Havel, fined to intellectuals. "There the dissident Czechoslovak are many people behind us, and playwright, said today that the Charter 77 human rights move-they are only intellectuals. -A Russian-born immigrant appeared in court here yesterday charged with conspiring to ment would continue to help people in Czechoslovakia in through a Soviet diplomat at

sion by the authorities. the 1968 events."

Mr Havel, aged 40, was one of four leading Government banned in Czechoslovakia, said critics detained for questioning last week after the appearance moment that the state in Western newspapers of a suthorities would try to expel leading dissidents. "For the new human rights manifesto called Charter 77. The manifesto was signed by 242 Czechoslovaks.

Mr Havel, interviewed in Prague by telephone from Vienna, said: "The Charter 77 is a working group, a group of people who think alike and who ing to a highly classified and will continue their struggle whatever threats they might

He said the movement was broadly based and was not con- of their own country".- Reuter.

they are only intellectuals. There are workers cooperating ment would continue to help people in Czechoslovakia in their struggle against oppression by the authorities. with us and many people who have not suffered at all after the 1968 events." Mr Havel, whose works are

there were no signs for the time being we have no reason to think that they might invitate the Russians' example."

The Czechoslovak Government is undertaking a big propaganda campaign aimed at internal and foreign critics. The party newspaper Rude Pravo said yesterday that the dissi dents were "political and social shipwrecks, people who have broken all ties with the people

The experts emphasize that African social welfare.

Social experts here point out ferings have resulted in a lat the majority of the least short life expectancy in many

The conference is to discuss

SPORT.

Lanzarote graduates with honours On the other hand the weather has played such fiendish tricks of late that Walwyn may decide that lit was better than it might look on paper. Just before half-the venture another 24 hours. If to a standstill when Orillo fell

So open is the Gold Cup this year that Pendil, too, could be in the line-up at Cheltenham in March, provided all goes well with

him between now and then. And so could Lauzarote, his stable com-panion, and fellow member of

what has become known as Millionaires' Row at Uplands, Fred Winner's yard in Upper

At Sandown Park on Saturday

the former champion hurdler made what can only be described as an infinitely pleasing start to his steeplechasing career in this

it is not worth the risk delaying the venture another 24 hours. If fort Deron does head for the West Country, those who relish racing at Wincanton will have a real treat in store, because Pendil is also due to run in the John

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
On Saturday the weather relented after all and allowed racing to take place at Sandown Park. And it will be the weather, more than anything else, that decides where Fort Devon runs this week. Fort Devon is currently the favourite in all the ante-post this week. Fort Devon is currency the favourite in all the ante-post books to win the Gold Cup at Cheltenham in March and his trainer, Fulke Walwyn, is understandably anxious to give him as much experience as possible of jumping English fences without actually trying him too highly

Windsor programme

1.0 COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div I: novices: £430: 2m 30yd).

1.30 COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div II: novices: £417: 2m 30yd)

2.0 CASTLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £699: 2m 5f)

11-4 Colonel Musterd. 4-1 Tinker Boy, 5-1 Silver Delicht, 13-2 Major Owen. 8-1 Agtec Star. 9-1 Commarket, 10-1 Near and Far. 12-1 Good Relations, 14-1

2.30 SMITHS LAWN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap:

11-4 Tay Flag. 3-1 Village Thief. 4-1 1'm Smart. 11-2 Herminius. 7-1 Nonsuch Hill, 8-1 Bally bright. 16-1 others.

1.0 Silent Burn. 1.30 Major Role. 2.0 Colonel Mustard. 2.39 TOY FLAG is specially recommended. 3.0 Cabar Feidh. 3.30 Ryhall Grange.

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much experience as possible of jumping English fences without actually trying him too highly before Cheltenham.

Before he joined Walwyn's stable in the auturn, Fort Devon had gained all his real experience racing over timber in the United States. This week. Walwyn has two alternatives, He can either take Fort Devon to Wincanton on Thursday, or he can delay matters a day, and wait for the Green Highlander Steeplechase at Ascot. There are two sangs about going to Wincanton. First, he has already raced and won there this season, and Walwyn is keen for him to see another course. Secondly, the John Bull Steeplechase, waich is the race in question at Wincanton, is only two miles and five furlongs, which is on the short side for Fort Devon. The distance of the Ascot race would undoubtedly suit him much better. house was being used as a bomb factory. One African was killed and five injured in the Early yesterday, an African railway workman was badly burt when he tried to remove what he thought was a battery tied to the track and it blew up.
Throughout the weekend,

Throughout the weekend, armed police scaled off the wrecked house in Soweto's Pimville district. Police sources said the body of a man "without a face, hands or feet" was taken from the ruins.

A neighbour said: "There

were five explosions at inter-vals of about seven minutes. Then, about 45 minutes later, there was another blast as the police were sifting the wreck-age. But the police were not

The five injured men were logical backgrounds to restaken to hospital, then trans-ferred to Johannesburg's main prison, the Fort A spokesman at Soweto's Protea police station said Major Jan Visser, security chief in the township, was questioning them.

In the railway line incident, Mr Wellington Skhumba, aged 48, was injured when the bomb

shortly before a goods train was due. In hospital Mr Skhumba said

the device, which looked like a battery, was tied to the track with wire. He unfastened the wires and as he picked up the object to throw it away it went

He was knocked unconscious and is in hospital with serious cuts. There was no damage to the track, which was closed for two hours.

Last month, the Minister of Police, Mr James Kruger, gave warning that a campaign of urban terrorism might erupt in South Africa. His warning came after an explosion in a crowded Johannesburg shop-ping centre at the height of the Christmas rush.

Soviet tests of space war satellites By Pearce Wright

new test are reported in the current issue of the authoritative American magazine Avialogy. It also records the disquiet of some defence officials at being overtaken in this work. The latest test is the fourth in the past 12 months by the Russians aimed at intercepting one satellite by another. One of the vehicles contains explosives that are detonated when two space craft come close together. The experiments were

made with Cosmos 880 launched on December 20 as the target vehicle and Cosmos 886 launched December 27 as the interceptor.

Yet it was only in November that the Russians were told by Dr Malcolm Currie, director of defence research and engineering in the United States, that development of a "war-fight-ing" satellite was a "dangerous

He told the United States Air Force that "the Russians have developed and tested a potential war-fighting anti-satellite. They have thereby seized the initiative in an area which we hoped would be left untapped. They have made space a new dimension for warfare, with all

that this implies.

"Restraint on their part will be matched by our own restraint, but we should not

Skiing

Windsor selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.0 The Guvnor. 3.30 Ryhall Grange.

Haydock Park results

1.0: 1, Charlie Murphy (11-4): 2, Benvalla (12-1): 3, Miss Fattackapan (7-4 fav), 20 ran.

(7-4 fav). 20 ran.
1.50: 1. Prescutt (12-1): 2. Fair
Eitty (16-1): 3. Listercombe (12-1).
Fighting Kate 4-1 fav. 21 ran.
2.0: 1. Shifting Gold (7-1): 2.
Canadius (7-2) it fav: 3 Roystar
(11-2): Glanderd Briss (9-2) it favi.
12 ran. Zatio Bon. Andy Pandy.
Capacitin and Sir Garnet did not run.

2.30: 1, Bear's Paw '2-1 Navi: 2. Arcile Challenge (11-3): 3. Welton 1ad (7-2): 10 ram: (10-3): 3. 3.0: 1, Bighty (100-30 fay): 3. Jackey (35-1): 5. Napazi (10-1): 23

7.3.0: I. Montary (2.7:: 2. Pro-nium (10-1): 3. Winscombe (12-1). Abide With Me 3-1 fav. 14 ran. Hunter's Gift and Quick Half did not

New champion helps Scots win club event Sauze d'Ouls, Jan 3 .- The Scot-

tish Ski Club, headed by Ross Blyth, the new British Alpine junior champion, today won an international club tournament here pionships. The SSC, with a team made up of the 15-year-old Ross from Balerno, Midlothian, Bruce Simpson, from Jordanhill College, Glasgow, and Alan White, from George Heriot's, Edinburgh, took the bonours with a total time of 225.21sec for the giant slalom. The slalom was held on the 2.3-kilometre Moncro slope, with a vertical drop of 2,000ft and 54 gates. Second in the international club competition were the national citio competition were the local ski club, Sportina, with a total time of 257.26sec. Third were the Alphach Visitors' Ski Club, in 262.73, with Martin Wright, from Helsby County Grammar School in Tarvin, Chester, Christica Jochum, the new girls' champion, and Clive Stanton, from Maidenbead, Berksbire.

At a price-giving coremony here from Maideabead, Berkshire.

At a prize-giving ceremony here last night Ross Blyth was awarded the Weiter Hutchinson Cup for boys, the Ski Club of Great Britain (SCGB) Salver and the Brand Ski School Cup for the giant slalom. Christina Jochum was awarded the Walter Hutchinson Cup for girls, the SCGB Salver for girls and the Lappin Salver for the giant slalom.

Express Handicap Steeplechase so emphatically in the end is also Cheltenham bound. His target is likely to be the Two Mile Champion Steeplechase. Probably Isle of Man and Spanish Tan cut each other's throats on Saturday which perhaps paved the way for Early Spring to win more easily than he might have done. his steeplechasing career in this country. With one exception, he jumped as well as one could possibly have expected and towards the end he certainly showed that nothing has happened of late to dim either his ardour or his speed. Admittedly, Lanzarote was getting 81b from Zarib, whom he beat eventually by two lengths, to win the Stand Novices' Steeplechase. him in the Hennessy Gold Cup. So, with Banlicu on the sidelines, the way was made easier for Zeta's Son to win yet another good prize for his owner. Alichael Buckley, trainer Peter Bailey and rider Ron Barry. Zeta's Son will be entered for the Grand National, along with his stable companion, Prince Rock. I fancy that his name will be on many a lip at Alntree, come That suggested that his performon many a lip at Aintree, come ance was nothing to write home

ence as possible between now and March.

The Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Steeplechase was spoiled for Some when Banlien

spoiled for Some when Banlieu could not run. There was heat in one of his legs in the morning which left his trainer David Morley fearing that he had developed suspensory trouble. Everything had pointed to there being another battle royal between Banlieu and Zeta's Son and the state looked set for Banlieu to

stage looked set for Banlieu to get his revenge for the defeat that Zeta's Son had inflicted upon

him in the Hennessy Gold Cup.

Leicester programme 12.15 WYMESWOLD STEEPLECHASE (Div I: novices: £641:

12.45 NOMAD HURDLE (Div I : novices : £570 : 3m)

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Leicester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.15 In Vision. 12.45 The Froddler. 1.15 Valiant Charger. 1.45 Bighorn 2.15 APPROACHING is specially recommended. 2.45 Tiber Bank. 3.11 Modesty Forbids. 3.45 Cattle King. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 12.45 Miss Quilp. 1.45 Lovejoy.

Heidegger wins by smallest

Sandown Park results

13.30: 1, Kybo (11-4 jt fav : 2, Big Clive (11-4 jt fav): 3, Sunburst (1-1).

15 ran. 1.0: 1, Lanzarote (4-7 fav): 2, Zarib (3-1): 3, Tommy Tiddler (10-1). 8

(3-1); 3, Tommy Tiddler (10-1); 8 rah.

1. 39; 1, Vansader(14-1); 2, Mount invine (11-2); 3, Just Revenge (14-1); Narribinal 9-5 fav. 15 ran. Bally Honey 6d not run.

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1. 50: 1, Levarances (9-2); 2, Rath-courath (85-40); 5, The Bo-Weevill (13-8 fav). 6 ran. Richard Grenville did not ran.

3.0: 1, Early Spring (11-4 fav); 2, isle of Man (4-1); 3, Spanish Tan (7-2); 6 ran.

3.50: 1, Grey Mountain (11-2); 12.

Baronisi (5-3 fav): 6, Glasando (10-1); 14 ran. Kerry Street did not run.

possible margin Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Jan 9. -Khus Heldegger, of Austria, parrowly achieved his first World Cup victory in a giant slalom in this South Bavarian resort today. this South Bavarian resort today. Heldegger, a 19-year-old, finished the two legs of the course a mere one-hundreth of a second in front of the Olympic champion, Heini Hemmi, of Switzerland, and ninetenths of a second shead of Willy Frommelt, of Liechtenstein.

Fifth after the first run, he set such a rapid pare on the second stage that the World Cup holder, Ingenar Stenmark, of Sweden, fell trying to keep up. His winning margin is the smallest calculable in Alphae skiing and is equivalent to the length of a ski tip. The victory lifted him to third place in the men's standings with 70 in the men's standings with 70 points, five behind the leader, Franz Klammer, also of Austria. RESULTS: 1, K. Heidegger (Austria)

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(Anstria), 5.25.18; 6. A. Wenzel
(Liechtenstein), 5.25.38; 7. M. Sochor (Crochostovaka), 3.25.47; 8. E. Parsnoth (Swizzerland), 3.25.99; 9. P.
Gros (Baly), 5.26.25; 10. C. Henumi
(Swizzerland), 3.25.96; Gaint slalom
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cal and mental health. : Mykola Plakbotnyuk: krainian nationalist

Ministers meet to solve Africa's social problems om Our Correspondent More than 40 African minis-

rs of social affairs as well as perts from international social ittee for Africa, and the and how to turn rural com-ganization of African Unity, municies into viable economic e to meet in Alexandria tocial problems.

Egyptian Prime Minister, is to them to play an effective role open the four-day meeting on in African social welfare. behalf of President Sadat. The conference will discuss that the majority of the least short life expectancy social planning in Africa, fam-developed countries in the African communities. It welfare, youth development, world are in Africa where The conference is lfare bodies, including the ily welfare, youth development, uted Nations Economic Com- urbanization, industrialization

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The ministers will also disperse the advancement of duct of under \$200 (£117) a ing experts, and in technological and social matters.

Scheckter enjoys unscheduled victory after Hunt crashes

From A Special Correspondent Buenos Aires, Jan 9

Jody Scheckter, of South Africa, is tunning about six months ahead of his schedule. When he amounced four months ago that he had switched from the Elf Tyrrell team to Walter Wolf, the Cauadian oil millionaire, he said that he expected to pick up world championship points for consistent driving early in the season, and start to win races in the second half of it.

His victory in the Argentine Grand Prix, in searing heat and before a crowd of almost 50,000 people, came after one by one the front runners fell by the wayside. Scheckter paced both himself and his new Wolf-Ford well, and took the lead after John Watson retired his Alfa Romeoengined Martini Brabham with 12 of the 53 laps to go. He went on to finish comfortably ahead of Carlos Pare in the second Brabham, and the local driver, Carlos Reutemann, who switched from Brabham late last year to Ferrari, alongside Niki Landa.

For much of the race the lead was shared between Watson, was hasted from the front row of the grid beside James Hunt, and passed his Marlboro McLaren seconds after the race began. As the cars accelerated away on their

econds after the race begun. As seconds after the race begal. As the cars accelerated away on their first lap of the 3.6-mile circuit, Lauda, who had shared the second row with Patrick Depailler, slipped his Ferrari into third place, with Mario Andretti hat the new Lutus-built John Player Special right on his tail. Andretti had been forced to drive Gurmar Wilsson's car after to drive Gunnar Nilsson's car after to drive Ginnar Misson's car after his own had been damaged too bodly in practice—by an explud-ing fire extinguisher—to be repaired in time for the race. This reluced the number of starters to

Watson led for the first 11 laps. Watson jed for the first 11 laps, but under increasing pressure from Hunt, who then went past into first place as Andretti moved up to displace Lauda from third position. Shortly afterwards Jochen Mass also moved ahead of Lauda, and it was clear that Lauda was losing ground. Later he stopped at the pits and gave up after 25 laps with a severe engine vibration. severe engine vibration. By half-distance Hunt had built a 15sec lead over Watson, and with Mass now third, another good Argentina result for the McLaren

Cross-country

Ford shows fine form in Surrey race

Bernard Ford, the reigning English champion, underlined his fine cross-country form with another Surrey county victory at Richmond Park, on Saturday. Ford, aged 24, a Feitham income tax officer, stormed home a clear winner from Roger Tredwell, covering the hilly 7½ mile course in 38 min 47sec. Ford, who is set on making a big challenge for the international title later this winter, prepared title later this winter, prepared for Saturday's race by running 10 miles in training before lunch. David Black, a former national David Black, a former national champion, from Small Heath, had a much tougher battle at Coventry, where he had to fight off a spirited challenge from David Moorcroft, of the home club. The two internationals ran side by side for three of the four laps of a sixmile race and Black had to produce a spurt over the last mile to claim his three-second winning margin.

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Despite a heavy cold. Tony
Simmons, who led England's ream success in last year's international, cashed home well clear of club colleagues David Lockley and Uhristopher Stebbings in the Bed-fordathre championship, at Amp-

fordshire championship, at Ampthill.

Alwyn Dewhirst, of Airedale, celebrated his 25th birthday a day carly when he won the Yorkshire tide at Sheffield. Geoffrey Smith, eged 23, from Liverpool, who finithed 33rd last year, won the Lancashire tide, at 5t Helen's.

Barry Smith, of Thurrock, retrined his Essex tide by moving clear of Andy Patton over the last mile on a woody, undulating Chigwell course. Another international, Jon Wigley, took an early lead on his way to winning the Kent chempionship, at Darrford.

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David Bedford, the world 10,000 metres record holder, made his first competitive appearance after a long lay-off when he finished eighth in the Middlesex championship, at Cockfosters. Bedford, sged 27, has been out of action because of a hamstring injury, but after the race his coach, Bob Parker, said: "Things seemed to go OK, but at the moment David obviously is not running under any pressure. When you have been out of action for almost two years it takes a long time to get years it takes a long time to get back to the top." The race was won by Bedford's Shaftesbury club colleagues Hugh Starkey, in Samin

iSsec. Results of Saturday's champion-Results of Saturday's ChampionShips were:

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Team: 1. Readins AC: 21 pts.

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Scheckter: His win puts him six months ahead of his

team, who had won the previous two grands prix there, seemed assured. Then suddenly everything went wrong for the team. First Mass spun off on lap 29 and abandoned his car, and two laps later Hunt's car ran wide as he tried to straighten up from a hairpin and crashed into a barrier. The world champion was uninjured, but his car was badly damaged and he was out of the roce. As Hunt walked back to the

As Hunt walked back to the pits, Worson regained the lead, with his teammate, Pace, supporting him in second place. It was far and away the best performance yet by the Brabbam teamsince they had switched to Alfa Romeo engines.

But the race was not yet over. As Scheckter increased his pressure (he had been running a steady seventh early in the race) Watson began to slow, and after dropping to second place he had to abondon after 41 laps. Andretti, meanwhile, had found a way past Pace, and seemed set for second place when his engine started

amoking and he had to abandon on the penultimate lap—another victim of the intense heat. It was a case of the survival of the fittest. Consistent driving the fittest. Consistent driving earned an encouraging third place for Reutemann in his first drive for his new team, while a fourth-place finish for Emerson Fittipalliwas a reward for his patience during the thin time he has had to endure since joining the Copersucar team. Addresti was classified fifth, and the final point, for earth place, went to Clay for sixth place, went to Clay Regazzoni, having his first drive in a car powered by the Cosworth Ford DFV engine, a power unit which has now won 97 grands

Tanner serves 12 aces in Australian open victory

Melbourne, Jan 9.—Roscoe Tanner, of the United States, took only 83 minutes to win the Australian open championship today. The 25-year-old second seed powered his way to victory over the top seed, Guillermo Vilos, of Argentina, 6—3, 6—3, 6—3, for his first big title. Tanner is now the only player who can win this year's "grand slam" and although he had his sights set on Wimbledon, he must sights set on Wimbledon, he must decide whether to play in the French open which he does not regard as good preparation for Wimbledon. However, after the match, Tanner said that he would "probably play in the French open. In the past, guys who have won the French title have been dead for Wimbledon", he added.

Tanner served a dozen aces against Vilas who, in spite of his masterly returns and lobs, was never allowed to settle. Vilas was in trouble as his serve faltered

was overwhelmed by Ilie Nastase in the Stockholm Masters last year that anyone had played so dominantly against him, he added. It was the first time since 1912 that no Australian contested the men's singles final. On that occasion, Parke, of England, beat Beamish, of Ireland.

ln contrast, the women's final was contested between two Australians. Kerry Reid won her home title for the first time, defeating Dianne Fromholts in straight sets, 7—5, 6—2.

RESULTS: Mem's singles: Semi-final round: R. Tanner (US) beat K. Ross wall, 6-4, 5-6, 6-4, 6-1; C. Vilas (Argentina) beat J. Alexander, 6-4, 1-6, 6-5, 6-4, Final: Tanner beat Vilas, 8-5, 6-3, 6-3, Women's singles: Somi-final round: Mrs K. Roid beat Mts R. Gooriav, 6-2, 1-5, 6-3; Miss D. Fromholtz best Miss K. Krantbeke, 7-6, 6-4, Final: Mrs Reid beat Miss Fromholtz best Miss K. Krantbeke, 7-6, 6-4, Final: Mrs Reid beat Miss Fromholtz round; A. Roche and A. Ashe (US) beat R. Case and G. Misslers, 7-5, 9-6 in trouble as his serve faitered in trouble as his serve faitered and Tanner took a 5—1 lead in the first set before Vilas achieved his only break of the match.

Vilas lost his last chance when he double-faulted to give Tanner a crucial break and lead 5—3 in Roche and Aske beat Pasarell and van he double-faulted to give Tanner a crucial break and lead 5—3 in Roch and Miss Fromholitz and the brief set. Vilas said: "There's Roch and Miss Ragelson best Miss B. Rock and Miss A. Young. 6—3; Mrs Rod and Miss Toronholitz and Miss getting all his first serves in."

Hockey

RAF's victory should lift them for quarter-final

By Sydney Priskin Bedfordshire 1

A welf-balanced and extremely fit bockey side representing the Royal Air Force achieved a good win over Bedfordshire at Wardown Park, Luton yesterday. As a build up to their county championship quarter-final match against Suf-folk on January 23, the RAF have against Nottinghamshire next Sunagainst Nothinghamshire next Sunday, the other against Cambridge University on Jamary 19.

One could see the sense in the RAF winning to play Bedfordshire because this was the side who was just beaten by Suffolk in the county championship. So it was surprising to see Bedfordshire three goals down before half time. It must be said that they were without three of their best players. Ganesh. Daved and Benwara without three of their best players, Ganesh, Daved and Benward Singh, who are on holiday in India: but the RAF, too, missed the services of Duerden, who was injured on Saturday, Old, Bales and Headley, who were not available. They could be a difficult side to beat when these reinforcements arrive.

Sharma had missed the mark from a difficult angle, Bedfordshire were in trouble again when some loose defensive play enabled Lawless to score the third goal in the 20th minute.

Bedfordshire's full backs, Hodge and Blake who was playing his

Bedfordshire's full backs, Hodge and Elske, who was playing his 100th match for his county, began to send Kavanagh through the gaps to shirt what seemed to be a Bedfordshire revival. A lively run and a good centre from the right by Thornbill led to a well taken goal by Richardson shortly before half time.

Bedfordshire began the second half well by forcing two short corners and lost a good chance soon after with Richardson mishitting in front of goal. Lawless, on the left wing, did most of the running for the RAF, whose best chance in this half was when Bates had a shot well smothered by the Bedfordshire goalkeeper. The exchanges were fairly even after this.

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Under the skillful leadership of Aldrich in the rear, the RAF began their campaign with Marshall converting a penalty stroke in the third minute.

Five minutes later he scored from a short corner. Then, after Services) and B. Page 1 Bediershire).

Scots still out on their own

ahead. England, in their deciding match against Scotland, were so defen-sively entangled that by the time the first half ended it did not matter whether they were playing

By Sydney Friskin

The point about Scotland's triumph in the British indoor hockey championship at Cardiff on Saturday is that none of the other three home countries seem to be catching up with the Scots. One of the reasons is that Scotland have the greatest facilities, Wales and Ireland, the least.

Apart from that, it is a matter of specialization. Twenty years ago the Germans recognized indoor bockey not only as a fascinating sport but also a valuable component of the outdoor game, which accounts for the fact that no country playing indoor hockey has yet caught up with them. In a game as fast as this (20 minutes each way) it is difficult to recover ground once defensive errors enable the opposition to get far ahead.

England, in their deciding match lost 11—5.

So, the losing sides are left to ponder the consequences. Much of the damage can be repaired when England alee on Scotland and Belgium at Sobells, London, ou January 28 and when England and Wales play West Cermany at Whitchurch Sports Centre, Bristol, on February 26 and 27. England's that Barrett was top scorer with 14 goals, four ahead of Stobbie, of Scotland. Gregg was easily the best of the Irish and Foulks, the pick of the Weish.

RESULTS: Wales 3. England 9: Scotland. PRINCIPES Water J. England 9; Scotland 8, Preinnd 4; Water 1, Scotland 10; England 10, Iroland 4; Water 5, Frotland 7, Scotland 11. England 6-FinAl PLACINGS: 1, Scotland 6pts: 2. England 4; 3, Water 2; 4, Preinnd 6, FinAl Placing 6, 6, Fin

Rugby Union

England use Richmond Bennett the to develop team spirit

Rugby Correspondent

The England XV to meet Scotland at Twickenham next Saturday spent the weekend training in Loudon and, at the end of it, after the Esher club had produced some genuine opposition at Richmond, Sandy Sanders, the chairman of the selectors, said he was wholly satisfied with the preparations. "The purpose of our get together was to develop beam spirit and understanding and, in that respect, it has been a great success."

Yesterday's activities at Richmond Athletic Club were conducted by the coach, Peter Coiston, in the absence of the Moseley stand-off. Martin Cooper. He developed a mild temperature on Saturday and a feeling of "rubber in his legs". Hignell, whose rib cartilage was injured in the first trial—since when he has not played a march, apart from five minutes on the field in one of the Cambridge University games on their tour of Italy—came through the practice without complaint.

Fran Cotton, who has had shoulder trouble, also looked to be fully restored to fitness. The new scrum half, Malcolm Young, and a lock, Nigel Horton, retired with minor allments and Nigel French, a reserve centre, missed the training with a hamstring strain. Last week I reported Young—taking the Gosforth programme as my authority—as having just celebrated his 2"th hirthday. It appears, however, that he will not now see the age of 30 again.

Mr Sanders made the obvious point that, more than ever in the present state of England's for-The England XV to meet Scot-

party studied film of recent matches against Scotland and Wales, which emphasized again how generous Engand have been in giving away unnecessary points." I see nothing negative", Mr Sanders observed, "In choosing a side that, we hope, will make it more difficult for our opponents to score." He added enough to suggest that if mings went wed against Scotland, Roger Utiley, the new captain, would be given the job for the rest of the season. I asked him why Tony Neary, the previous captain and winner of 32 caps, had not been given the chance to defend his position at flank forward in a trial. "The selectors", he replied, "looked at the new objectives set, and they could not see him fulfilling a part in their plans. There comes a part in their plans. There comes a time when 2 player who has given great service to his country must realize that he cannot go on for ever ".

The Welsh ream to play Ireland at Cardiff next Saturday trained at Aberavon yesterday afternoon without their scrum half, Gareth Edwards, of Cardiff, and a centre, Ray Gravell, of Llanelli. Both are doubtful for the international after injuries in the Welsh Cupmatch between Cardiff and Llanelli and will receive daily treatment.

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The chairman of the Welsh selectors, Keith Rowlands, said:

"We are not making any changes at the moment. We will wait until Thursday before finalizing the ream. It will give the injured players a chance to recover and possibly prove their fitness."

Edwards, who has appeared 45 times consecutively for Weles, had a recurrence of a niggling ham. Mr Sanders made the obvious point that, more than ever in the present state of England's fortunes, the result of the first international was important. "I do not hold", be said, "with any suggestion that recent England sides have not been wholly proud to wear the white jersev. We English can be reticent. In this respect, certainly, I have no doubts about the latest team which i consider to be a purposeful combination, with a lot of character in it".

During the weekend the England

players a 'chance to recover and possibly prove their fitnes."

Edwards, who has appeared 45 times consecutively for Wales, had a recurrence of a nigging hamstring injury and left the field during the Cup match. Gravell injured a shoulder. The Welsh selectors have brought in a scrum half, Alun Lewis, of London Welsh and Cambridge University, together with the centres David Burcher, the Newport captain, and Roy Bergiers, of Llanelli. They will take part in Thursday's workout at Bridgend.

Wales can be unhinged in the scrummages

By Nicholas Keith
Oh, to be in friendly, fervent
Cardiff now that January is here.
With the international championship on the near horizon, the question is: can Wales be knocked
off their perch? The omens were
generally bad for the other Home
countries at Cardiff Arms Park on
Saturday when Cardiff came from
behind in a thrilling Weish Cup
tie to upset Lianelli, who have
held the trophy fur the past four
seasons.

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Trailing by 12—0 at half-time, cardiff scored four tries in the second half when Lianelli were pounded by the sort of barrage which must be beyond their usual ken. Not surprisingly, local opinion was that this was the best match seen at the Arms Park this season and Cardiff fully described their victory by three goals, a try and a penalty goal (25 points) to a goal and three penalties (15). This revival was the more remarkable because Cardiff the first in when Cardiff the first in when Cardiff the first in when Cardiff the served their victory by three goals, a try and a penalty goal (25 points) to a goal and three penalties (15). This revival was the more remarkable because Cardiff the first in when Cardiff the first in the first in the first in the second and three penalties (15). This revival was the more remarkable because Cardiff the first in when Cardiff the first in the fi

style.

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Quinnell may have considered himself unlocky not to have been selected for the Weish team on Saturday, but he was outplayed by Robinson and, for an Englishman, it was comforting to see such a spirited all-round display by Nelmes at prop, one position where England are strong. It was

Nelmes, incredibly, who appeared on Gerald Davier's left after a typical 50-yard, side-stepping run by the wing, to 2000 the second try which gave Cardiff the lead. In the first half Cardiff's backs had always looked sharper, but Llanelli had scored the points. Lianelli had scored the points.
Twice Cardiff came perilously
close to scoring a try: Edwards
did cross the line but he was unable to ground the ball. While
Cardiff were missing five
penalties, Bennett kicked two
goals and converted a my by Owen
under the posts.
Cardiff's resurgence began in
the first minute of the second half

the first minute of the second half when Camilleri seized on a loose hall, backed over the line and won ball, hacked over the line and won the race for the touch-down. Gerald Davies missed a penalty before converting another and then came Neimes's try. Murphy, who had a good match at centre, kicked ahead for Camilleri to run onto a friendly bounce for the third try, converted by Gerald Davies. Davies.

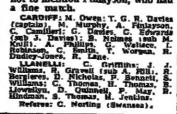
After Bennett's two failures,
Griffiths missed another penalty
for Cardiff. Finally, Gareth Davies

completed a competent afternoon at stand-off half with a try under the posts from a pass by John Davies who either than Brymor weish rugby: in its contrasting moods, it can be cool and calculating or fierce and fiery. These moods were reflected by Llanelli and Cardiff respectively on Saturday.

Scouts from the other championship countries would have noted that the distinguished Llanelli three-quarter line was reduced to impotence in the second half by the power of Cardiff's scrummaging—a simple message but a hard one to put into effect.

Even Bennett, who had kicked immaculately in the first half, lost his composure and missed two hickable penalties within two minutes at the beginning of the last quarter. J. J. Williams, who did not look fully attuned, made little impression and Gravell went off at the same time as Edwards, who had already shown Cardiff the same time as Edwards, who had already shown Cardiff the same time as Edwards, who had already shown Cardiff the match.

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Price a young Welshman who should go far

By Tom Cooban

The Welsh Schools 19 group
win over Yorkshire Schools at
Ottey on Saturday by 28 points
(two goals and four tries) to four
points (try), was not the blitzkrieg the score suggests. Not
until the second half were Yorkshire driven to the point of no
return, and even in the last few
minutes their backs mounted an
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The skill and spirit of Wales were as expected, and their weight advantage, particularly in the scrummage, suggested that the masters were taking on the boys. Price, the scrum half, scored three tries. Dark, stocky and strong, he had unquenchable sest and an intuitive understanding of the moves to make. From scrums near the line he twice darted over for the two tries which gave Wales their half-time lead. His third try, scored in injury time, climaxed an exciting run through the exhausted York-whire defence.

Hamer, the left wing, scored two tries, and Grabham, the right centre, the other. Powerful runs down the right wing brought Griffiths near to scoring others, and Daniel, the left centre, and Stephen, the stand-off half, had a big part in the general excellence of the Welsh performance.

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lence of the Welsh performance. Yorkshire harassed Wales in every move they made, and put together some good ones of their rown, but in the second helf there were times when they could only react to Welsh moves rather than initiate their own.

The Yorkshire full back, Gray, the strong point of a hard-tried defence, saved several difficult situations. Indeed, the only criticism one could make of Yorkshire was that the looseness of their was that the looseness of their cicking represented extra opportunity for Wales.

If Wales had a weakness it was in goal hicking. Roberts, their captain, failed with two penalty bicks and two conversions before

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B. Barley (Norman-base and Committee an John Pullin, Bristol's former England hooker, returns to the Gloucestershire side for the county champlomship semi-final against Lancashire at Vale of Lune on January 22. Pullin, who made a late start to the season following a herula operation, replaces Gloucester's Steve Mills, who faces a county disciplinary committee this week after being sem off recently. Team:

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flame in smouldering contest

When Neil Bennett's boot is on

By Peter West

song he tends—like his illustrious namesake in Wales—to make the business of landing goals seem a very simple matter indeed. Thus it was at Old Deer Park on Saturday when, arrayed in a vivid new scarlet jersey, he kicked all his side's points as London Welsh dispanched Bath 18—3 in the first round of the John Player Cup.

Bath must have regretted that this match had been frozen out at the first time of asking, back in early December. That was before the former England stand-off half, by courtesy of a flexible qualification for admission, joined his new club as a result of one cuting for the Colwyn Bay second XV.

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Bennett scraped over the penultimate and easiest of his penalty kicks with little to spare. But he was successful with four shots out of five from 40 yards and more, and he began his afternoon with as remarkable a dropped goal as most of us are likely to wimess this season. For this, his old Bedford partner, Alun Lewis, threw out a high and difficult service behind a lineout on the Welsh left. Bennett clutched it down with much aplomb and, plyoting instantly in a congested plyoting instantly in a congested space, hit the target, high and handsomely, from 35 yards out. handsomely, from 35 yards out.

Bath, who by some way were the more frequently penalized side, got three early points through Palmer. The final, bleak scoreline, devoid of tries, accurately reflects a disappointing, smouldering contest that was punctuated by injuries and minor outbreaks of sour temper. At different moments four players were on the end of a wigging from the referee, Mr Coombs, who soon realized that he needed to watch matters closely.

The best things—Bennett's tour



reverse pass under the hortest pressure.

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The service of Nicholls at scrum the The service of Nicholls at scrum half was a plus for Bath, as was the security and lively attacking sense of their full back, Waterman. Horton managed the odd, elusive little half break but Bath made little progress in the centre. The same might equally be said of the Welsh, who missed the services in that position of their captain, Shanklin. However, in spite of indifferent distribution, the Welsh contrived occasionally to free their swift wings, the sallies of Rees and Ellis-Jones provided some of the few uplifting moments.

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The best things—Bennett's tour de force apart—were the tackling of both teams and the performance of the Weish loose forwards. Taylor brought off some thumping good tackles on all and sundry, and dipped his shoulder in attack as if he were still enjoying his halcyon days. Manifeld had the sort of strong and constructive game that might commend himself to the nadoral selectors at a time when there is so much debate about the Welsh No 8 position. Lewis, strong as ever at scrum-half and swiftly the free their swift wings, the Welsh contrived occasionally to free their swift wings, the Stilles of Rees and Ellis-Jones of Rees and Ellis-Jones provided some of the few uplifting moments.

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Moseley confirm their forward strength

By Gordon Alian Not a try was scored in the mud at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday

Not a try was screen at the man at Franklifu's Gardens on Saturday but the match, believe it or not, was engrossing. Moseley beat Northampton, who had lost only once since October 16, by three penalty goals and two dropped goals (15 points) to four penalty goals (12). They managed it, moreover, without three of their best players, Hornton, Cooper and Barrie Corless.

In Birmingham they will tell you that Moseley have the finest pack in England, in Newcastle they will tell you that Gosforth have it. Who knows? Perhaps the verdict is a dead heat. At any rate, it was the craft of Moseley's forwards, as much as the goal-kicking of Akenhead and Cusworth, that decided this match. this match.
In the first quarter they

threatened to run Northampton out of town. In the second and third quarters Northampton gave as good as they got, sometimes

better. But in the last quarter, when Northampton became flustered, Moseley rolled forward once tered, Moseley rolled forward once again like an armoured division and nearly scored a try or two at the lake end. There was equality in the tight, but Northampton had nobody quite of Ayre's stature at the lineouts. In the loose scrummages, Moseley's turning, smugzling and feeding, were admirable. Justil well into the second half Until well into the second half Until well into the second half it was almost entirely a game of tactics between the forwards and halfbacks. A couple of scissors moves between Cusworth and Swain for Moseley, and a middield break by Isn Wright for Northampton, were all we saw in the way of creative running. Page kicked as unertingly as ever, either for position or into the box, and Gifford did much the same.

Powell, the vererable prop.

Powell, the venerable prop, came as near as anyone to scoring a try for Northampton: first, when he supported a drive by Oldham and Mason, and later when be

charged down a kick by Giffor The Northampton crowd have soft spot for "Piggs" Powel The fact that you can lear heave so often in their shouts on indication of how well he still playing, and how adjecent hose is to the ball.

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helped Wakefield beat Mosele and Jorthanpton in the Jor Player Cup last season, Raybou kicked four pensities for North ampton, who lost Parker in the last five minutes with a head in NORTHAMPTON: P. Raybould: Restrict (905: G. Poole). D. Clarke J. Pinchoe, B. Oldham: I. Wright, J. Pege: D. Powell, R. Meorge, S. Wal-on, G. Wright, D. Mason, P. Sweet (Canno), 11 Pittille, D. S. Wal-

MOSSLEY: R. Abenhad; R. Smith, M. Swain, A. Hill, P. Beddocs: L. Chisworth, C. O'lord: T. Corless, L. Cor, B. Great, S. R. Field, B. Ayre, J. White, R. Jeavens, D. Warren,

Rosslyn Park decline to be intimidated

Those who watched London Scottish at the beginning of the season, when they were consistent chiefly in losing, must have been surprised to find five London Scottish pluyers in the international team to meet England next. Saturday. Four of them, Steele, Wilson, Lawson, and McHarg, turned out at Roehampton on Saturday to add much colour to the game against Rosslyn Park. The fifth, Donald MacDonald, the Oxford University forward, was rested before getting his first cap for Scotland.

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The others may well have wished they had been resting too. For Rosslyn Park, winners by a goal and four penalty goals (18 points) to two tries and a penalty goal (11), gave them no quarter in an energetic and entertaining game. Lawson, in particular, must have been mursing some spectacular bruises this weekend.

The remarkable thing was how

By Michael Hardy

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Still a good chance of outsider reaching Wembley

Football Correspondent

In May the FA Cup is about Wembley, laps of honour, banquets and medals. In January the chird round is for the butcher, the baker and part-time managers like Allen Batsford, of Wimbledon, who on Santiday was his been draw a con-Saturday saw his team draw 0-0 with Middlesbrough, of the first division, looked in the dressing room and found not one satisfied player.

"Look at them. Heads in their hands. They're disappointed. They thought they should have won", he

reported.... That is the cop spirit, which is far from the cautious, defensive fear shown by Middlesbrough, who had so little confidence that their manager, Jack Chariton, yet again interpreted dufiness as being professional." But even more damning was the attendance, a mere 8,750. In other words, the ground was only a little over half full. Perhaps prices were too high. Perhaps Wimbledon is too near the big London clubs. Perhaps Middlesbrough are rightly condemned and rejected because of a reputation they cannot dispute even against a Southern League team. Incredibly, it was the most predictable result of Middlesbrough's outlook was shared, though chankfully to a lesser

extent, by several other first division teams. Only two, Leeds United, who struck five against their fellow division members, Norwich City, and Ipswich Town, comfortable 4—1 winners over Bristol City with two goals from Mariner, easily straddled the notoriously hazardous first obstacle, which left one non-League club, Korthwich Victoria, definitely through to the fourth round and Wimbledon to try again tomorrow.

Liverpool, the team best placed to win the "double", are also involved in a difficult replay against Crystal Palace tomorrow, and the cup holders, Southampton, will be under pressure at Chelsea on Wednesday, Northwich Victoria, like Wimbledon, were angry with themselves. They beat Watford 3—2 to reach the fourth mount of the first time in 93 were round for the first time in 93 years, but at half-time needed a vitriolic lecture from their manager, Paul Ogden, who must have touched a crucial nerve. As Mr Odgen said later: "They did everything I could ask in the second haif."

The other two non-League teams Matlock and Kemering were 2-0 down at half-time and were down at half-time and we eliminated. Matlock finally lost 5 at Carlisle and Kentering 3-2 at home to Colchester.
There will be 16 first division

have still to face replays, so the

third time in as many seasons remains good. At this stage those who care to mix sport and besting could do worse than side with Cheisea, who may not have played ourstandingly against the experienced Southampton team, but have plenty of the spirit that it takes to ride along the stony road to Wembley.

Those who always prefer to stick with first division clubs, but like to avoid obvious favourites, could take Newcastle United, who are involved in a replay with Sheffield United at St James's Park on Wednesday, but are a more resilient and better balanced team than several at shorter odds.

Manchester United, last year's disappointing finalists, feel sure that they can overcome disappointing league form and return to Wembley. Their performance against Walsall at Old Trafford on Saturday hardly convinced the doubters. They had to fall back on the excellent goalkesping of Stepney after Hill gave them a lead and Walsall were a little unlucky not to repeat their victory of two years

Tottenham Hotspur's 1-0 defeat at Cardiff City meant that in four years they had failed to win a single FA Cup rie. Tomorrow they meet Queen's Park Rangers in a league game that



The goal that made history for Northwich . . . Corrigan (centre) scores his side's third and decisive goal on Saturday.

of both clubs. Rangers, who were highly impressed with Alan Durban's

of great importance to the future

Shrewsbury team, whom they beat 2-1 in the cup on Sarurday, are hopeful that their captain, Francis,

first march of the season on Saturday and, although he finished on the losing side, Rangers' reserves losing 3—1 to Bath City, he was satisfied that his back trouble was over.

going at Plough Lane

of the game.

better one by Kellock. Only this time Colchester showed more sub-

In between enlightened running off the ball, a mean midfield and

off the ball, a mean midfield and a ruthless desire to punish any sloppiness at the back created a three-goal margin through Garwood (two) and Froggatt. Kettering, upoil the end, never looked like closing this gap despite the misfortune of two disallowed coals. The construct water forced

misfortune of two disallowed goals. The openings were forced but Kettering were frequenty let down by the basic failure of their down by the basic failure of their twingers, Phipps and Faulkner, to do the simple things. Glover, formerly of Leicester City fame, found his reputation a hinderence, and he was never allowed free-hold of one square yard.

Colchester had some slippery performers in attack, none more

so than Lesile, who once skirted the Kettering defence evading thrusts from defenders like an Apache hrave circling a wagon train. His cross-goal offering

went unaccepted.

The substitution of Phipps by the more immediate play of Wood and the loss of Smith, a central figure in the Colchester defence, nearly brought an unexpected twist to the story but Colchester held on to their victory through the nifty handiwork of Walker and the prominent head of Dovman, whose busby top seemed to give him an unfair advantage.

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Third division

By Geoffrey Green

Although Wimbledon, the Southern League champions, gained another feather in their cap by bolding Middlesbrough, seventh in the championship, to a goalless draw in the third round of the FA Cup at Flough Lane, it was an affair scarcely worthy of the pen of Sean O'Casey. The Flough, itself, proved to be a mards his area when needed like and no stars came out to be some bearded dictator, watched immed by Middlesbrough's uncontemprising state of mind and a negative mine man defence which egative nine man defence which learly aimed at a replay in the

rorth-east.
This will take place at Ayresome Park tomorrow night and though 'imbledon will be pleased to find hemselves in today's draw for the curth round for the second time three seasons, they were deeply isppointed at not winning outlight on this occasion. Middles-brough were lucky to escape in the first half and were generous enough to admit it. enough to admit it.
Three times Connell, the tall, bearded Wimbledon centre for-

bearded Wimbledon centre forward, came within an ace of scoring. First, he turned a header by the hard-working Marlowe over the bar after a flighted centre by the perceptive Altken. Next came mother flick just past a post, again from Altken's free kick.

Then a corner from the elusive Holmes on the left flank was mee by Connell, who snapped at it like an eager crocodile, only to hit Cuff's legs at point-blank range. Most disarming of all, perhaps, for the so-called underdogs was the moment just before the interval when Holmes modded back Bassen's deep free kick from dilly in the rush hour. Up went the powerful Conneil D. Mills. P. Brine. A. Wood, D. Armsberd against the underside of Rusers: D. Turner (Statfordshire)

midated dreams of Kettering

The general feeling among the population of Kettering on Saturday was that they had been robbed by an away town decision. The verdict was that "little" kettering had not put up such a bad show considering luck was against them as well as 12 men from Colchester. Another view might be that Colchester United were a better side who made their own luck and were in no need

own luck and were in no need of the alleged assistance from the referee, Mr Homewood who, in fact, comes from Sunbury-on-

As far as being underdogs Derek

As far as being underdogs Derek Dougan's Kettering, seated at the top of the Southern League, must have had more than a dreamy eye on a lucrative fourth round te. Colchester are, after all, only one division above them, in theory, But the difference was clearly there as Colchester maraged a sairly comfortable 3,—2 win without a hint of their suspect away record.

Dougan decided in the morning not to play after a month's absence. But sitting helpless on the touchline he must have wished he had at least named vished he nad at reast manual himself as substitute. Kettering did not do themselves justice.

Rettering's week had started oninously with a 4—I home defeat by struggling Margate, thereby losing an unleasen record which stretched farther back than that of any League club. Kettering hopes fluttered in the first seven minutes while Colchester's long, similes while very stretched for the stretched farther hopes fluttered in the first seven minutes while Colchester's long, similes while workers.

By Clive White

Colchester shatter the

for the unemployed

By Tom German Once it was the salt mines which gave the quiet Cheshire town of Northwich its national identity. Now, however fleetingly, it is the Northern Premier League side, Northwich Victoria, the only non-League club assured of a place in the fourth round of the FA Cup after Saturday's 3—2 triumph over Watford, of the fourth division, which has brought it into sharp focus.

which has brought if into snarp focus.

Not that such heady heights are entirely a novelty. Ninety-three years ago when "The Vics" were mere infants and, fixingly, Queen Victoria was on the throne, they reached the fourth round. Their latest achievement, though, must come high in order of meris in His back four of Tilley, Bryant, Donaidson and Edwards, were equal to anything the lonely Mills and Wood could batch up, the spring-heeled Bryant, in particular, winning everything in the air. Even the overlapping, inouisitive runs of Cooper and Armstrong from the rear were scotched efficiently enough to suggest raps. latest achievement, though, must come high in order of merit in these days of well-drilled tactics and techniques, especially with the scalps of two other League clubs, Rochdale and Peterborough, dangling from their belts. Yet such a prospect seemed remote with the affair half over.

The transformation came with a shrewd substitution at half time by the Northwich manager, Paul Ogden, a football tactician at weekends, sales manager dealing in ladies' lingerie on weekdays.

Flimsy and transparent was bow ciently enough to suggest tost Middlesbrough, even on their own fine pitch at Ayresome, may be pushed to assert their authority.

pushed to assert their authority.

Predictably, Middlesbrough had a thing or two to say about the Plough Laue conditions. Words like "gamesmanship" and "doctoring" were bendied about, but not without an understanding smile. "At least we expected the surface to be rolled", Jack Charlson, the manager, said. Yet the pitch, which was an inch under water the previous Saturday, would not even take a light roller. A few deep furrows remained to show that an attempt had been made on the morning of the game. in ladies' lingerie on weekdays. Flimsy and transparent was bow he and a crowd of almost 9,000 had seen Northwich in the opening haif, kicking the ball away hastily, deprived of possession in midfield, vulnerable in the middle to the quick bursts of Mercer and Jenkins, and exposed by the regular excursions up the flanks of Watford's full backs, Princhett and Geidmints.

Yet Watford managed to score only twice though they created gaps as wide as the caverus left PRIDDLESSROUGH: P. Cuff: J. Crafgs. T. Cooper. G. Sounes, S. Boam. W. Maddren, A. McAndrew. D. Mills. P. Brine, A. Wood, D. Arm. beneath the town where the saltmen once extracted their brine. The first goal came as a defender hesitated over how to cope with

nestated over now to tope with an awkward bounce out on the left. Mercer nipped behind him and no one could catch him. The second, five minutes from half time, sprang from the same flank where Jenkins and Downes set up the move and Bond tucked the shot away.

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Bond and Jenkins will still be pondering how they failed to seize a couple of other chances when wasford so obviously held the reins. Punctuating those two Wasford goals, however, was one by Northwich, beautifully executed, and sounding a warning to those knowledgeable enough to detect it. Corrigan, who was to emerge as the afternoon's most perceptive user of the ball, chipped forward from his own half to send Swede darting between Watford's two central sectionels to whip home his shot. Marksmanship, it seems, is central sentinels to whip home his shot. Marksmanship, it seems, is one of Northwich's attributes, though it hardly seemed likely to matter much with only that one shot in the first 45 minutes.

The whole scene changed, though, with the start of the second half. A midfield man was left out and an attacker. Collier, brought in to put pressure on Warford's rear men and curb their adventurous forays. In the words of Mr Ogden: "It paid off handsonnely".

Negative slog in heavy | Consolation | Cardiff prophecy comes true

By Tom Freeman

These days football managers are often too tight-lipped to make forecasts about important matches the following day. Only rarely do these forecasts come true, anyway. Full marks, therefore, to Cardiff City's Jimmy Andrews, who predicted that Tottenham Hotspur would be beaten in Scturday's third round cup tie by the speed of his front men, Sayer and Evans.

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"These are two of the fastest front runners in football". Mr Andrews had warned. "Their speed will make up for our lack of height and we should cause Tottenham's suspect defence many problems with our quick breaks."

It happened just as he said it would. The winning goal—the only goal of the match—came after six minutes. Tottenham's defenders were slow to get the ball away in the air and Coates's faulty back header finally fell into the path of Grapes, who was on

Thereafter the speed of Sayer, Thereafter the speed of Sayer, Evans and Grapes posed a perpetual problem for Spurs. Even when the pressure built up in the Cardiff goalmouth in the second half there were alarm signals every "the break."

the break.

Ironically Sayer would not have played at all had Friday, the club's new player from Reading not been cup tied. He and Evans played to a simple, old fashioned formula—push the ball forward and run like hell after it. It was successful because they had the speed to make it work.

Towerham on the other hand.

Torrenham, on the other hand, insisted on the square approach, delaying their final effort until the penalty area was crowded out with players. Duncan's flicked on headers were ineffectual, and all

nothing. There was, however, one agonizing incident a few minutes from the end when a spectacular overhead kick from Taylor bounced off the foot of a post, ran along the goal line, and foto the bewildered Healey's hande

to show off his bell control, and Hoddle once more suggested that he has great potential. Tottenham also showed a commendable sense of urgency when time was running out for them. The lesson of this out for them. The lesson of this game, however, is that even in these days of sophisticated football, the simple approach, rather than the elaborate one, is more likely to win matches. CARDIFF CITY: R. Hesley: Dwyer, B. Attley, J. Buchanan, Went. A. Larmour. S. Grapes, Livormore. A. Evens, P. Sayer,

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR:
Jennings T. Naylur, J. Gorman,
Hoddle, J. Pratt, K. Osgood, A. Co.
S. Perryman, J. Duncan, R. Cos
(sub; D. McAllister), P. Taylor,

Southampton should blame themselves

By John Nicholis

For the third time this season Southampton, the Cup holders, and Chelsea provided an absorbing and entertaining game for their supporters. So far, with three points from two League matches and by drawing 1—1 away from home in Saturday's FA Cup tie. Chelsea have earned the greater share of the spoils. The advantage of playing at home in the replay on Wednesday evening ought to confirm their apperiority. For the third time this season replay on Wednerday evening bught to confirm their superiority.

Yet Southampton have only themselves to blame fur not now being certain of a place in the draw for the next rand. They started at a cracking page on Sat-urday and should have been a goal up after only 11 minutes. The persistent MacDougall dispossessed Phillips, when the goalkeeper had left his goal to chase a loose ball.

A quick pass and Ball seemed certain to score yet he side-footed the ball against Droy, one of two Chelsea players poised on the goal line. A few seconds later Ball had a second amempt, but again the shot was blocked with the goal-learner out of position.

period of pressure they suddenly came near to scoring themselves. A Southampton attack ended with A Southampton attack ended with most of their defenders well upfield. Chelsea gained possession and a swift, well placed pass from Wilkins sent Swain clear of everyone, from inside his own half, wells came out to meet him and from near the edge of his area his widespread body successfully blocked Swain's unimaginative shot.

his attackers he was confronted by three Southampton players, Expecting him to pass the ball, they held back and with a sudden change of pace and direction, Locke sprinted clear, closed on

To their credit, Chelses continued to attack in the second half and with Southampton working hard in midfield there was little to choose between the two sides. An equalizer always looked possible, but not probable as Southampton (particularly Channon) frequently made a mess of the final pass or shot. In his previous two home matches. Channon has

A few minutes later the situation was repeated when Swain picked up a pass which Steele ought to have headed away. But again, Wells was equal to the occasion and placed himself in the way of the shot. Thus encouraged, Chelsea began to look more confident and they took the initiative after Locke scored a highly enterprising goal.

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Arsenal a long way from their destination

By Norman Fox

The widely held opinion that the revamped Arsenal have the qualities of FA Cup winners seems clearly based on London's yearning for a revival from someone in the metropolis rather than specific proof. An improvement is obvious. Their football is more considered and less easily disrupted by teams of lower standing like Notts County, whom they eventually managed painstakingly to beat 1—0 in the third round of the FA Cup at Meadow Lane on Saturday. Saturday.

adventurous forays. In the words of Mr Ogden: "It paid off handsomely".

Wait, chasing Corrigan's cross into the penalty area, was brought down. He fell with a flourish, but he was clearly within the box and despatched the penalty kick himself with assurance.

In spite of several palpitations, wasford managed to hold them and nine minotes from the end, when Walta ran clear up the right. Those the moment to cranre with discretion and Corrigan finally guided the ball in. It was consolation enough, surely, for a player who lost his job during the week.

Northwach victorial. J. Farmer, K. Eckishare, A. Nivman, P. Jones Isub J. Collier, G. Hamlani, K. Jones, L. Wait, F. Corrigan, P. Smith, J. King, J. Swede, Watforn, A. Barner, R. Downes, R. Joskin, K. Merce, R. Jenkins, R. Priichtelt, D. Bond, A. Marsei, R. Reierse, M. P. Hackney (Barnsley).

Reierse, M. P. Hackney (Barnsley). Saturday.

This strange match that only burst into flame in the seven minutes of "injury time" showed that Arsenal were far from their destination. It would be hard on Notts County to say it was a dull tie. Arsenal made it so. It would be equally ungenerous in view of their reputation for clobbering the first hurdle to suggest that Arsenal played unnecessarily cautiously.

Bradd's chipping shot in the 94th minute and another fine save from County's McManus, from a penalty by Macdonald. The rest was sedate building from deep in Arsenal's midfield, and rough tackling from some of their defenders, notably Nelson, who was fortunate not to be sent off.
Nelson was not prepared to accept
that Norts County's winger, Carter,
had the right to a clean escape
after slipping past his offensive

Arsenal's infuriated supporters were obviously less confident about their team's new patient outlook than its management and players. They were almost hysterical with rage as the game moved futo its 97th minute, but long before that they began beging Arsenal to move move quickly. Hudson was soon told to "get rid of it". If Terry Neill, the manager, had wanted to buy someone to do this, no doubt he would have gone to the nearest public park.

Admittedly. Hudson was not Admittedly, Hudson was not fully fit and wanted to slow the game to a pace he could cope with rather than for the sake of coordinating movements. The inexplicable aspect of his game was the employment of Brady under his heels. As they seemed to have totally different views on tacticabrady clearly desired speed—their contribution lost continuity.

Because of Arsenal's determination not to get involved in a frantic rush. Notts County appeared to take the initiative. It was mostly misleading possession. Only Busby, a former Queen's Park Rangers player, created his own opportunities but like his colleagues he lost sight of the final target. Arsenal made fewer attacks but made them more effectively. Stapleton had a header turned on to the post by McManus, who had a splendid game despite making no more than a gesture of dismay as Ross's shot dropped behind him at one stage.

Macdonald also drove shots wide and would almost certainly have scored Arsenal's second goal when he broke away from Needham, who stretched again to bring him down. That left the goal-keepers to bring a little drama to a peculiarly quiet the when McManus correctly chose to dive to his left for Macdonald's penalty and Rimmer sprung up as if starting a Fosbury flop to save from Bradd. The cost to County was the chance of a replay, or, more important, £15,000 in receipts.

By Norman Fox

NOTTS COUNTY: E. McManus; P. Richard, R. O'Brian, M. Bushy, D. Needham, B. Simbha, S. Carter, M. Vinter, L. Bradd, A. Mann, D. Smith. ARSENAL: J. Rimmur, P. Rico, S. Nelson, T. Ross, D. O'Lesry, P. Simpson, A. Hudson, L. Brady, M. Macdonaid, F. Stapleton, G. Arth-strone. ring. Referee: K. A. McNally.

Weekend results and tables



ATHEMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Cheshunt 3. Warthing 1: Grays C. Rainham 2: Haringey 1. Litchworth 3: League 5. Epsom and Ewell 1: Leyton Wingate 5. Ruislip Manor 0: Mariow 2. Homasiow 1:

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Transcre Scottish Cup second round SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: 1 steadhmion 1, Gravesend 1; Atheracate 1, Surion 0; Bedford 2; Reddicts 1: Dover v Yeovil gentponed: Granten Strameer O Stirling A O
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Greenway 5. Twerton 2: Barton Rovers
2. Ambildi Town 1: Billericay 4.
Hoddesdon 1: Beckelli 4. Eastbourne
United 2: Suchingham 2. Clamfield U:
Butriham 3. Camberley 2: Chalfont St
Peter O. Redwill 5: East Ham 2.
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Farmborough 5. Morestham 0: Farnham 2. Eastbourne Town 1: Hinckley
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Kidlington 5: Kew Association 0.
Molessy 2: Twidale 3. Cironcester 0:
Wigston Fields 2: Stamford 0: Wolverton 0. Tring 1; Malmosbury 1.
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Sutian O. Croydon O: Tilbury 2. Henden 2: Wokins 1. Williamstow
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serious lack of character and in the last 10 minutes when a scrambled goal by Clayton was immediately followed by a much

Fourth division

Huddersfield Brentford Cambridge Utd Bartslay Torquay Utd Swansea City Bradford City OTHER MATCH: Peterborough 0, Mansfield 0.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen Ceitic Rangers Dundoe Uid Hearls Motherwell Kibernian Partick

Scottish first division Queen of South

Scottish second division Scottish Cup third

round draw Arbusth v Brechin or invarious Thistic (provisional replay, January 151; Hamilton v Clydobank; Airdrie v Celric: East String v Albian Hovers; St Johnstone v Dundee; Queens Park v inverness Caley or Alica (provisional replay, January 15); East Fife v Clydo; Hibernian v Partick Thistic; Matherwell v Kimarnock; Dunfarmine v Aberdom; Sprantaer or String v Eight City; Heart of Midiothian v Dumbarton: Rangers v Falkric; Queen of the South v Monitose; Mortion v Ayr United: St Mirron v Dunden United.

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Waregen 5, Anderlecht 0; AS Osten
0. Charlerol 0; RWD Molenbeck 1
Coural 0; FC Liege 0, Malluots 0
Beveron 4, Antwerp 1; Bruges 3
Winterslag 0; Barugen 1, FC Brug
4 DUTCH LEAGUE; Go Ahead Engles
3. Telstar Valsen 1; Feyangard 5.
Utrecht 2: Amsterdam 0, Twente
Enschede 1: Roda JC Kerkrede 1.
Venis 0: Nilmögen 2, Broda 2: De
Grafischap 3, Alax 0: Allemar 4,
Sparka 0: Basriem 0. Den Hang 0:
PSV Eindkoven 3, Eindhoven 0. FRENCH LEAGUE: Abguss 0, Nimes 0; St Gormain 3, Nice 0; Marselle 1, Nantes 1: Lyon 2, Nancy 1: Troyes 2, Valenciennes 1.

GREEK LEAGUE: Atromites 2
Panservalkos 0: Vatmina 2, Applion 0
Ethnikos 1, Pansibinetkos 1: Kawala 1
Itakis 0: Kastoria 0, Aris 0: Pauc chalki 0: Olympiakos 1; Panienies 1
Pierikos 1: EK 4, OFI 1: PAOK 2
Panaltolikos 1. TALIAN LEAGUE: Bologna 1, Informalian 5; Catanzaro 5, Fogue 1; Genoa A, Casena 1; AC Miliar 9, Verrota 0; Napoli 0, Jayannis 2; Perugia 0, Florentina 0; Rema 3, Sampdoria 0; Torino 3, Jazio 5.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Pertino-nanse 3, Leixos 0; Guimarass 4, Beira Mar 1: Bentict 4, Montjo 1: Belantei ess 2, Porto 0; Essevisto 6: Attetto 3: Setuini 1: Sporting Lisbon 0: Acute mico 0, Ersga 1: Verzim 1. Esteri 0. mico O, Haga 1; Varrum 1, Esturi O. SPANIEM LEAGUE: Real Medifé 4, Malaga 1; Samtander O, Salamanca 1; Las Palmas 2, Elibso 1; Elche 2, Alicante 1; Estreinza O, Saville O; San Sebastian 4, Europe 1; Vigo O, Zurgoza O; Vilancia 2, Aferico Macrie 3. WEST CERMAN CMF: Duisburg 1, Hestin 2: Schalte 2. Piniracht Frankfur 2: Cologne 7. Hamburg 2: Rockett 2: Cologne 7. Hamburg 2: Rockett 2: Cologne 7. Hamburg 2: Rockett C. Bayern Unrühnen 2. Worden Bersen Munich 5. Bayern Munich Anasteurs 3: Bayrent 2, Augsburg 0: Nuremberg 1. Ozarkrick 0.

FA Cup replay dates Kick off 7.30 maless Monday Port Vale v Hull. Tuesday Rristol R v Nottingham F. Middlesbrough v Wimbledon, Swindon v Pulham Orient v Darlington. Crystal Pal v Livarpool (7,45). West Bromwich A v Manchester C.

Wednesday Uncom v Burnley.
Wrezham v Sanderand.
Blackbura v Charlion.
Derby v Bisckpool.
Chelses v Southampton (7.45).
Newcastle v Sheffield Unites.

Today's fixtures FA CUP: Third round replay: Part Vale v Huli City (7.50). Croydon v Hayes (7.30). SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath v AP Learnington (7.30).

Leading goalscorers FIRST DIVISION: A. Gray (Asion VIIIa), 22; D. Haies (Derby County), 18; M. Maccionald (Artenal), 15; M. Barna (Birminsham City); P. Marine (Ipswich Town; 14, (Ipswich 104nt, 24, SECOND DIVISION: 8. Finnieston (Chaisse), 8. Taylor (Bolton Wan-derers), 17; A. Evans (Cardiff City), W. Rafferty (Carlisle), 16; M. Walsh (Blackpool), 15.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Aldenhamians 3, Cid Etonians 0; Lancing OB O. Old Bradfieldians 5: Old Chokmetians 5, Old Reptonians 2. ARTHUR DUNK CUP: First round replay: Old Wellingbortens 5, Old Ardinians 3.

Cope stakes his claim for an England place

the Combined Indian Universities and Under-22 team here today, finishing with six for 41. With the selectors thinking about including an extra spinner in the team for the third Test which begins on Friday, he may have earned himself his first England cap.

From the moment Cope took a wicket, he gave away only 19 runs in 12.5 overs, and the Combined side were all out for 121. This left MCC 116 abead, and by the close of the second day, with 59 for two in their second innings, they had stretched the lead to 175. The match ends tomorrow.

Miller, also an off-spinner, came out with two for 38. and though there was less to choose

came out with two for 39, and though there was less to choose between them than the figures suggest, Cope is likely to be preferred to him if an additional slow bowler is chosen for the Test in Madras,

But Miller's victims were the most stubborn of the opposing battmen. He bowled Vengsarkar, who is in the Indian 14 for the who is in the Indian 14 for the Test, and also removed Vijay Mohan Raj, who had made 32 In 45 overs.

The other batsmen were ill at The other batsmen were ill at ease on a pitch which has been generous to the spinners. While Vengsarkar stayed, the Combined team looked capable of challenging the MCC total of 237 for four declared. At 73 he chopped Miller's faster ball into his stumps and the last eight wickets mustered only 48.

Fiercher could not bat when MCC wept in again. His injured antie is still troubling him and MCC may have to change their minds about playing him in Madras.

On Saturday Fletcher was often struggling during MCC's first innings when he scraped together just 24 runs in 43 overs. His faltering progress helped restrict MCC's scoring. Fletcher's ankle was heavily strapped and he was unable to move with any freedom. MCC's opening batsmen, Amiss and Woolmer, shared a 110-run stand in 128 minutes. Amiss made 56 with five fours before lofting a catch to mid-on and Woolmer, after scoring 49, departed voluntarily when the umpire falled to respond to an appeal for a catch at the wicket.

Nagpur, India, Jan 9.—The MCC not maintain their progress of off-spin bowler Cope ran through the morning as the spinners he Combined Indian Universities Ashwim Minna and Dharamara

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Jadels, not out
Minna, c Selvey, b Cope
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Stroke of misfortune in Dexter's third defeat

By Peter Ryde

Golf Correspondent a hard blow to take, and except for brief flashes his game theredouble winners of the President's really chabes of the Alan Alan Alan Brief flashes his game theredouble winners of the President's Putter yesterday at Rye, beating Ted Dexter by 5 and 4 in the final. It was one of those matthes that promised much but produced little. So far as Dexter was concerned, it seemed that all his best had gone into the preliminary rounds. It was his fifth appearance in the semi-final round and his third in a losing final. third in a losing timal.

Holmes takes his golf so lightly and plays so quickly that it is easy to underestimate his quality. He is a gloriously free striker of the iron and is seldom off line. Putting is not his strongest point and he never quite mastered the pace of the greens but one felt that his experience—he captained Cambridge in 1966, his second year in the team—was standing him in good stead in holing out.

good stead in holing out.

Dexter had one shattering piece of luck which caused him to leave the sixth green two down instead of all square. Taking an iron for his long second, his ball plugged in soft sand just short of the vertical face of a deep bunker. Holmes, whose drive had caught the dunes, took four to reach the green and Dexter, reckoning presumably that with a decent lie he would get up and down in two and win the hole, took a penalty drop, came out none too well, and took three more from just off the green.

Dexter is a vastly experienced cricketer and plays golf at a high level. But he has only limited experience of this kind of pressure, which is not made any essure by being often the focus of attention. The fast pace at which golf is played in Putter week not only reflects the nip in the air but is in the best amateur tradition. Yet in the final that pace turned almost into a gallop, which gave Dexter little chance of recovering his poise. chance of recovering his poise.

Denter was seen in a much happier mood in winning his semi final round match by two and one against A. Swanston. In so doing he went out in 33 and needed a four for 70 at the end. Swanston reduced a four hole deficit after five to one up, thanks largely to going three, three, four from the 11th, but he gave Dexter vital breathing space by missing from inside four feet for the balf at the 14th. vertical face of a deep bunker. Holmes, whose drive had caught the dunes, took four to reach the green and Dexter, reckoning presumably that with a decent lie he would get up and down in two and win the hole, took a penalty drop, came out none too well, and took a nd 4. A. W. L. Homes beat J. T. L. Watson, 2 and win the hole took a penalty drop, came out none too well, and took a nd 5. D. Cross beat T. M. Powell, and took a nd 5. D. C. Lucas boat J. D. C. three more from just off the green.

Perhaps the swing at that hole was not decisive; perhaps the seeds of defeat could already be seen in his having taken three from Lucas, 2 and 1. Swanston beat M. J. Cross beat J. D. Cross beat J. D. C. Cross

To make matters harder he was reminded of it again by finding his ball plugged in a bunker short of the 12th.

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Oosterhuis nine behind

Phoenix, Arizons, Jam 9.—Peter Oosterhuis, of Britain, scored a 58 for a three-round aggregate of 213 and Larry Nelson, who had a 55 today, and strokes behind the leader, Jerry Pale, of the United States—Miller Barber and George Cadle. mine strokes behind the leader, Jercy Pate, of the United States—in the Phoenix Open tournament, the first on the US Professional Golfers' Association circuit this year. Tommy Horton, another Briton, had a 75 for a total of 220. Tony Jacklin, the third Briton in the tournament, failed makes the cut after taking 148. to make the cut after taking 148 for two rounds.

Pate had a birdle at the final hole today for a one-under-par 70 at the Phoenix Country Club for a nine-under-par 204. Dave Stockton nurned in the lowest score of the tournament, a seven-under-par 64, to move into second place, one stroke behind Pate.

Pate, the winner of the US and Canadian Opens last summer, was off to a shaky start, dropping a stroke at the third and fourth holes, but he had birdies at the sixth. 15th and 18th holes.

Table tennis

England team surprises Andrew Barden and Melody tion at Thornaby, he gave a swift

Andrew Barden and Melody
Ludi, two young players, are surprise choices for England's ream
for the world table remais championships to be played at Barmingham from March 25 to April 5.

Barden, aged 18, from Barnet,
has been selected on the basis of
his performance in the European
championships at Prague last year.
He has recently recovered from
torn ligaments in his wrist which
have kept him out of the game
to much of this season. "I am
absolutely shattered by this news.
It was a complete surprise that absolutely shartered by this news.
It was a complete surprise that
they should pick me ", he said.
Miss Ludi, from Bradford, was
England's number one junior last
year, but is now in the senior ranks as a 17-year-old. ranks as a 17-year-old.

The other surprise was the omission of the England number four, Nicky Jarvis, of Cleveland, who has been troubled by a back injury for most of the season with his results being below his usual form. But yesterday, at the world championship qualifying competi-

answer to the selectors who dropped him. He earned one of the extra places in the individual com-petitions at Birmingham awarded to England as the bost country. The other men to qualify for Birmingham were N. Eckersley (Cheshire), D. Brown (Essex) and D. Johnson (Warwickshire). The women qualifiers were S. Lkle (Cheshire), K. Rogers (Leicester-shire), K. Witt (Berkshire) and S. Hession (Essex). Results of the finals in the England open championships Thornaby were: Thornaby were:

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Where in these days of the Wel-fare State does one find gardeners like dear old Gunn p

developments in the top echelon of German-language theatre. The Berliner Ensemble, which they founded and led in East Berlin, has declined and today cannot really compare with that great troupe before disintegration set in Meanwhile, in West Berlin, a largely young company calling itself the Schaubühne am Halleschen Ufer has, by general international consensus, replaced the Berliner

sensus, replaced the Berliner Ensemble as the finest German-

suguage theatrical company

now performing. Its newest production here, Shakespeares Memory, confirms that opinion. Schmbiling means simply a

stage where shows take place

a misnomer here, really, since the company usually eschews

anything resembling a conven-

tional stage. They customarily perform in a theatre am Halle-

schen Ufer, the northern bank

(named after the city of Halle) of the Landwehr Canal in Berlin's proletarian Kreuzberg borough. For Shakespeares Memory, however, they have moved into a huge film studio hall in remote Smandau.

That title, Shakespewes Memory, with its bemusing

juxtaposition of German and

English, transmits an ephemeral meaning. If I interpret it cor-rectly, it means the collective memory which provided the raw material from which Shake-

speare, as a creative artist, drew. This production endeavours, with uneven but sometimes impressive success, to re-create various aspects of the Eliza-

bethan environment in which Shakespeare existed.

Anyone who saw Luca Ron-

Anyone who saw Luca Ron-coni's production of Orlando furioso or Ariane Mnouchkine's of 1789 will find himself on familiar ground. Peter Stein, the Schaubülne's primus inter pures, has staged the new pro-duction, and if at times he has

duction, and it at times he has done so maddeningly, even infuriatingly, he has also at times shown those touches of theatrical genius which have earned him an unrivalled position among German stage directors today. (In the open house he apparently has much to

hall in remote Spandau.

Fancy German gloss

The years since the deaths of learn: Das Rheingold in Paris

Bertolt Brecht and his actress recently, Peter Stein's operatic wife Helene Weigel have début came off much less sucbrought two simultaneous developments in the top echelon theatre.)

on Shakespeare

He was the son of a tradesman in game—a business begun by his grandad "Ready Money Wheatley", grocer, and later wine merchant with a shop at 26/27 South Andley Street and customers throughout the gentry of Mayfair. There are with a passion for tuck. Faddy: the wast markellows descript.

gentry of Maytair. There are
the most marvellous descriptions in this book of the shenanigans of serving the rich, the
like of which we never saw in
Upstairs, Downstairs.
My Lady's Malvern Water
can from the try often as not came from the tap, often as not. She didn't know. And the profit

one dion't know. And the profit from the bogus bottles, the faking of customer's accounts was split between butler, butler and chef, and the tradesman. His father created a catering company in which the shareholders included the butlers to nobility. There were exposed.

Shakespeare's Memory make

various simultaneous events at two or more places in the hangar-like hall, making it literally impossible to assimi-late everything that goes on.

spoken texts, put together like a collage, come from many other sources besides Shakespeare.

The members of this com-pany regard all this extrava-

ganza merely as one great technical exercise for the first

nical exercise for the first Shakespeare production they have yet to do—probably eigher Richard II or As You Like It. In the words of Berlin's leading theatre critic, Friedrich Luft, they have set about it "with downright Teutonic thoroughness". Brilliant, confusing, fascinating, infuriating, it certainly when the appendent or whatever final form that production of Shakespeare himself may eventually take.

Paul Moor

self may eventually take.

butter made him vomit. Hated school meals. He went to prep in Thanet, and then Dulwich College—"God how I hated that rotten school!"—from which he was expelled, and so to HMS Worcester, a training ship on

Unlike many reminiscences of Edwardian schooldays Dennis Wheatley's is remarkable; he was not a freak. He was no good at football but an excellent shot. Hated cricket but loved shot. Hated cricket but loved tennis: and a good cox. Loved books but was no intellectual, nor that bright. Had these lovely hands but was willing to fight with his fists. He had a "iamois", a younger boy to kiss and cuddle, and edmits he masturbated an awful amount all. He loved the girls, discovering they too could masturbate, chasing them, frustrated within the dictates of Victorian morality he loamed. He deals with sex so frankly I was surprised in a memoir full of the hettering excitement of a Bulldog Drummond kind. For Wheatley aficionados there is a chapter about the importance

unusual demands upon the audience. Psychologically speaking, one may even accuse the company of an almost contemptuous eggressivity towards its spectators. One comes in and finds on provisions of any bind a chapter about the importance of lucky numbers in his life and the mystic power of the stars on his development.

There are fairly standard descriptions of the glittering West End, of family chemosens supports in the Strand its spectators. One comes in and finds no provisions of any kind made for checking the ward-robe advisable for Berkin's winter weather. For the entire seven hours of playing time, divided between two consecutive evenings, the spectator is forced to stand except for about an hour's respite halfway through the first evening.

These players and only similar west find, of ramity closur-pagne suppers in the Strand after Our Miss Gibbs. Most murvellous descriptions of Mar-gate; and his apprenticeship in wine on the Rhine. Learning to drink and tickle the throat to puke, and so drink again in those marathon masculine wine tastings. The modern reader will be shocked at how Euro-These players not only stroll, they also do acrobatic and magic tricks, perform a tight-rope walk, display their skill at fencing, and in other ways pean society was before 1914.
The Isle of Wight was a German holiday resort. The Young
Man Said doesn't make points. re-create the kind of street per-forming which Shakespeare It only describes—but yet again in an Edwardian memoir one knew outside the Globe and which he sometimes brought into it. Mr Stein has staged

realizes what a tragedy was that first world war. Ray Gosling

Charlie and Buck

Lectures with charts and exhibits enlighten us as to the state of such sciences as astronomy and anatomy at the time. A sizable planetarium dome descends and a guide, flat on his back, tells us about the stars the Eizabethans saw. The stars the Eizabethans saw. The Bush

Irving Wardle Aboard a long-distance bus with brakes that go smoothly down to the floor and a savage dog kennelled in the lavatory, this show takes us on the road from New York to Bridgeport, Connecticut, though for most of the time there seems little

chance of getting there.

Hardly has the trip started than the driver takes a steward on board: a pilot who has run
on to fruel and parachutes on to
the throughway, leaving his jet
to crash into a built-up area.
Then the passengers pile on: a
teenage psychotic with a oneway ticket to the reform school, an ecology fanatic who gets the driver high on marijuana, a salesman pedalling a lie-detector that confirms its find-

ings with a knockout blow, and a myopic hold-up man who mistakes the lounge cruiser for a pizza palace; not to mention a silent old lady who, by the end of the trip, has died of fright. However, do not go along to the Bush expecting an extravagantly spectacular sequel to The Big Bus, as the show is a reunion for the two-man team of

Ray Hassett and John Ratzen-berger, who bring the disasterprone trip quite sufficiently to life with the aid of seven chairs and a tape recorder. They excel in instant costume

They excel in instant costume changes, using the cheapest and simplest means; the hold-up man peers out through a pair of framed potted meat jars, and Mr Hassett, by yanking up his waistband, achieves the slow, wooden strut of a dismounted speed-cop. When Mr Ratzenberger emits a hydraulic hiss for the automatic doors and chucks out an invisible cup of coffee, you see it hitting the bare-chessed motor cyclist even before hearing the skid and sickening squeich.

To be frank, it is hard in To be frank, it is hard in

To be frank, it is hard in retrospect to remember just which effects are contributed by the performers and which you imagine for yourself. But the illusion of that bus, careering over open country, a trail of flattened victims in its wake, a go-go dancer holding court in the lounge, and a succession of madmen at the wheel, is complete. At one point Mr Ratzenberger warthes the speedcon berger watches the speed-cop remount his vehicle and depart at full throttle. "The nut", he at full thrords. "The nut", ne sneers from his imaginary driver's cabin, "he wasn't even riding a bike!" That, I submit, is pantomime.

The play opens at the Gardner Centre, Brighton, on January 24, and the company Basil Lord, and Emily Richard.

Trailing clouds of glory

Aurora's Wedding/ Two Pigeons Gaumont,

Southampton La Fille mal gardée Covent Garden

John Percival

Next to The Sleeping Beauty, one of the most popular classic ballet, productions throughout the past half century has been the suite of highlights derived from it under the title Aurora's Wedding. It is good to see it in the touring repertory of the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, not only because it pleases audiences, but also for the chances it gives the company's principals and aspirants to show their quality.

As the tile apparent

As the title suggests, tradi-tionally it includes chiefly dances from the last act, but producers from Diagbilev on-wards have included also extracts from elsewhere in the Beauty and even from other Tchaikovsky ballets. Peter Wright's new stacing comprises almost the whole of the last scene from the most recent Royal Ballet Benuty, with the fairies' encemble and four solos from the prologue. Person-ally, I would restore the coda which has been omitted from the last pas de deux; apart from that the choice works rather well.

I saw four casts in the leading parts at Southampton last week. In Margaret Barbieri's Aurora there are qualities I have not seen since Forteyn in her prime: a combination of phrasing, ports de bras and facial expression which make facial expression which make the duet and solo roc just showpieces but a revelation of character and feeling. However, audiences at other perform-soces need not feel chessed. Vyvyan Lorrayne and two new-comers to the parts, Christine Airken and Marjon Tait, all dance Aurora with understanding and style.

The Bluebird duet, in my opinion, suits Tait even better; the company has two good casts for the ballerina role in that, the other being Brevda Last, brilliant in victuosity. Petal

Miller, too, gives a promising account of the part. One or more of these dancers is always to be tound among the four fairy soloists, who maintain at least as high a standard as we have seen ar Covent Garden lately, with Sherilyn Kennedy and Beverley Parker showing flair among the young hopefuls.

flair among the young hoperus.

On the male side. David
Ashmole takes the prime
honours as been Bluebird and
Florimund. His solos are given
with exceptional panache and
soaring strength; he partners
handsomely and carries himself
with justified pride. Desmond
Kelly's courtliness and Carl
Myers's ardour also show well
as Florimund. Bluebird gets
a bounding performance,

as Florimund. Bluebird gets
a bounding performance,
alchough with ragged
entrechats, from Bernd Berg,
and Murray Kilgour showed
feeling and vigour in the part
despite a heavy cold. Notable
too, is Brian Bertscher's crist
exuberance as Hop o' my

Given on a double bill with Aurora's Wedding is The Two Pigeons, a ballet which audiences seem to approach with some suspicion although they clearly enjoy it once in the theatre. Perhaps the title is too enigmatic; would "The Love birds" give a better idea of the engaging romantic plot?

The three couples I praised in the leads earlier this year have all deepened their interpretations. At Southampton the partnerships were reshuftled to permit two further debuts Susan Burton, in her first his role, makes the heroine a deliciously funny as I had expected from her playing of tioy parts, and unexpectedly touching too. Desmond Kelly's success in a part demanding light comedy and ardent feeling was more predictable but none

At Covent Garden on Satur day night, David Wall's lively playing of Colas in La Fille ma gardée seemed to inspire Laur. Connor to explore a little more deeply the potential humou and sentiment in the role of Lise. Rouald Emblen's Widov Simone was, as ever, diverting but it seemed out of character for that thrifty French lady having dropped her tablecloth to leave it lying neglected is the farmyard.

The Point Mermaid

Irving Wardle

Finally unveiled to the press after two cancelled openings, this stage adaptation of Harry Nilsson's animated film has clearly taxed the Mermaid's rechnical resources to the limit. It is one of the few British productions I have seen that have successfully substituted lighting for scenic pieces.

Peter Whiteman's set resem-bles a bisected geodesic dome, an irregular scaffolding filled in like canvas that slides down-stage for changes of focus. With the aid of Mick Hughes's lighting the stage undergoes cinema-tic transformations of considercrystals.

There is also a film screen There is also a film screen on which the crowned head of Bernard Miles appears at the start of the show, inviting us to share a rather delicious on television, but in this version it comes over as a fable of surpassingly winsome spinelessure of the show in a sign with the show is also mined with verbal gags that would be largely inaccessible to children.

For this piece of nonsense, Ron Pember's production is graced by a central performances. We start off in the Land is comes over as a fable of sur-passingly winsome spineless-ness. We start off in the Land of Point, with a pointed-headed populace admiring a pointed Mona Lisa and knocking back pints of milk. There is also a national triangle-tossing game which gets things moving when the villainous aristocratic con-tender discovers his low-born adversary to be round-headed. For that he is banished to the Pointless Forest, whence we follow the heroic Oblio through a second act involving encouna second act involving encoun-

ters with a gravel-voiced Rock man (Oscar James), a Jewisl ragtrade Leafman (David Delve), and other fantasti figures who attempt to halt hi progress towards the point. In the end he finds it, an

returns home to proclaim hi discovery that everybody has point: demonstrating that be flourishing his own modiship peaked head. At which poin, Mr. Miles steps forward to tell us that "being different does not matter", which is precisely the opposite of what the story has just demonstrated. Namely that Oblio only gets back home

by learning to conform.

Long before that, however, with a kaleidoscopic assembly one has stopped looking for any of screens for high-definition meaning to emerge from the projection, plus a single, sail-piece. Put together on the picaresoue lines of The Wizard of Oz, it merely lines up out bizarre meeting after another with no trace of fairy-tale locic or narrative direction. The able decorative power: especially when pretty-pretty effects (such as a quick-change seasonal cycle) give way to an instant Henri Rousseau forest, or the evocation of winter through hogely magnified ice or cystals.

or narrative direction. The separate episodes themselves rely mainly on puns (the Rockman, of course, speaks of being stoned; and the Leafman is opening branches all over the forest), and there is small scope for dramatic relationships to develop the special control of the separate opisodes themselves are provided to the separate opisodes are provided t for dramatic relationships to develop as all Oblio is allowed to do is wander about asking

ance from Wayne Sleep whose whirling aerial choreography does something to compensate for the blank passivity of his

The costumes, balloon dresses that seem to have a life of their own, and various Arthur Rackham forest biomorphs, are also worth writing home about; though Oblio's beloved dog, a rod-pupper hound with a lolling, highly pointed tongue, brings an uneasy television echo.

This notice is reprinted from Friday's later editions.

Park Lane Group Purcell Room

Max Harrison

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To begin with, the Park Lane Group's last concert in their Young Artists and Twentieth Century Music series on Friday, was melody all the way. The first two items were for unaccompanied oboe, played with much skill by Lorraine Wood. Isang Yun's 'Piri, a work dating from 1971, proved to be mainly a study in tonal distortions and long notes, while Bruno Maderna's Solo, another 1971 piece, was more agitated, involving rapid switches between oboe, oboe d'amore, cor anglais, and a rather harshtoned instrument called a musette. In both compositions some initially surprising sounds were produced, yet neither seems likely to give universal pleasure.

There was a certain amount of improvising in both works, but from the three-man Accord group, on a stage so cluttered with equipment as to be

group, on a stage so cluttered first, yet with equipment as to be different.

reminiscent of the avant garde concerts of the 1960s, we next heard an extended collective improvisation. The sounds were obtained from piano and percussion, and subjected it various sorts of electronic distortion, the result being trapid, noisy chartering, without apparent shape or direction. After the interval, Miss Woot played some more oboe music starting with Niccolo Casting lioni's Alef, which distorted the instrument's sound less than the other pieces. Vink Globbkar's Atemstudie, ye another 1971 work, is described as a breath study and it, besides playing the oboe, the performer had to sing, speak blow, suck, and whistle.

Some of those sounds well picked up by microphones and relayed through various loud soeakers. It was hard nor the feel that both the pieces especially the Globokar, outstreed their welcome.

Finally Accord returned for another unnamed ensemble improvisation. It was projected with more energy than the different.

Ronald Lewis as Archie Rice

After the sudden loss of Patrick O'Connell who played Archie Rice in The Entertainer, the Actors Company have found Ronald Lewis to take the role.

then goes on to tour both The Entertainer and The Amazon for eight weeks before coming into a London season a Wimbledon from March 21 th April 2. The two production will afterwards be taken on tour of Scandinavia under the auspices of the British Council. The company also include

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The biographer whose writings form the stuff of history

The fifth volume of Martin uses to read; and I could see Gilbert's biography of Winston McLeod, with whom I certainly Churchill has recently been pub. wanted the chance of talking, wanted the chance of talking, and here I was reading out a document he didn't want to hear. So I skipped five pages. I just turned over five pages. Randolph swing round. You've missed out five pages. You will go back to the beginning."

To go back to Gilbert's own beginning: he was born in Lon-don in 1936, the son of a young jeweller who had left school at 11 or 12 and begun his career selling newspapers. Gilbert's father had educated himself. A voracious reader of books, including what were then recent history books, he was especially interested in exploration and interested in exploration and discovery and in the quality of political leaders. At Highgate School, Gilbert's historical interest was roused by the books in the library, particularly Motley, Carlyle and Prescott. "I was rotally absorbed in Motley's History of the Durch Republic." I remember being completely carried away by the fact that there was so much that could be said and written about a sequence of ordinary events."

I remember being conveyed the great which, "while they conveyed the great while they conveyed the great excitement of events, were also very precise and logical and advanced through very complex matters." I suggested that this is exactly the kind of grand enterprise he has taken on. "I was never arrected to the grand subject as such: I was always attracted much more to the epiattracted much more to the epi-sode which illuminated charac-ter or something that was to happen later. For exemple, in the new Churchill volume, the events that took place when he was Chancellor of the Exche-quer in 1926, where these events throw a light on the development of the thirties, totably the distreparation of his potably the disintegration of his relationship with Neville Cham-berlain in the mid-twenties."

Gilbert was going to read geography at Oxford; but a master at Highgate told him that geography was "not a proper subject to study if one wished to go to university". It was always historical geography that interested him: at school they had a project on India and he made relief models of India and tried to find out the history of the place. "And this too had an influence. I found out you often couldn't get the answer. You couldn't get the answer. You asked the master, who did his best; you went to the reference book. The discovery which I made at school at 16 was that not everything was known; and that things on which people laid down the law were equally not properly known. Even in the expert works, one couldn't get

the answers."

Two history mesters inspired witting, and on people who but while he worked, the work was sacrosanct. A ruthless that you do it by feel. As he may Highgate scholars, including Anthony Crosland, who spoke of the influence of these men. Gilbert recalls: Fox was by any standard eccen-tric, with very thick leases in his glasses and eight or nine wisps of hair shooting away from his bald head. He discarded the formal curriculum, he urged one to read widely, he was interested in essays on the things one wanted to explore, he was quite sharp and biting and defiated the ego and the Carlylean style. It was clear from him that this work one was doing was not merely re pearing what other people had lone; there were some things which, if one read through a wide enough range of-in this case, printed—sources, one could put together something which was one's own perspec

master, who left school and went on to write several his-tory books. "He was full of enthusiasm and encouragement All my life I've found the two whether among one puroils or one's teachers, one's colleagues or one's critics: may disagree with you, encourage you, are excited, urge von to go on, see something of the quality of the material; and those for whom everything is to be belittled and run down and not taken seriously. He found the same parallel among his teachers at Oxford. "There was Bruce McFarlane,

the great medievalist, a very severe critic—absolutely the most severe critic !-- but you knew that if you took him something, and you'd really worked said he did not have a deeply hard, and you'd really been religious background: somehonest with yourself (and after times he went to the school all there was a side of Oxford which encouraged cleverness and clever-dickery)—if you took him something that was absolutely true, he responded: and he'd be interested from the point of view of not just patting you on the back, but of saying Right, from that point we can now go on. From that evidence you've assembled, I will now show you a new Aladdin's cave of evidence beyond. If you produced also spert two years in the a poor essay . . . something that army, "which also cuts one off ras sloppy, then that door of Aladdin's cave was closed. You background, even from any pergot a cold reception and it was sonal time of reflection." clear that one was not welcome. On the other side, one had tutors who knew, if one had produced something on which one had worked hard, it didn't when, as you know, one had a matter to them." He finds the punishing historical schedule same division between enthusi- with the twice-weekly essay asts and belittlers arring his which was, like the army, not critics today: "Those people who, whether for or against

this is real evidence, real new

it document', said Randolph, you'll hear it to the end.' hought, goodness me, I know going to rake 25 or 30 min-



1922 at a time when the British

Government had to decide

whether or not to go shead with the Jewish national home at all, and if so in what form; and in volume IV I had to deal

with those things. . . . I got as interested in Ireland: for every

page on Palestine, I'm sure

and one is talking about 100 pages on Palestine and 300 on

reland. Moving on into the '30s

far as I was concerned."

He asked himself the question: "What was Churchill devoting his days to? He had

this enormous capacity for work

there are three on Ireland

Oxford in 1957, Taylor was the !! hero of thousands of schoolboys, who, having plodded through British history and reached the nineteenth century, suddenly found this very exciting, stimulating writer.
Actually in the year I went up he was working on the period that I was to become involved in professionally—the origins of the Second World War. So because he was working on this period, and excited by it, I was influenced by him. I found him a very encouraging person; but I never accepted his view of history. I have probably been propelled along my road—my methodological road—because of what I regarded as his very morning and went on to tate bad influence upon historical at night; he had a social life, but while he worked, the work

with as a kitten plays with a ball of wool. But as for demanding more evidence, as for scarching, he always said 'No, you don't need that. These are course, by the persecution of the facts on which I am build trade unionists or of Catholics, ing my arguments —and other or of people who had comfacts were not of importance mitted uo crime, or belonged to him. And he, who has to no group; but he did find to him. And he, who has written about Churchill a great deal, has always gor it wrong. In my view, he's never been curious enough to get to the bottom of things. Once he has formed his view, then he builds a brilliant apparatus on it, but he builds this structure on shifting sands. . . He him-self very rarely gives sources for his major statements, and when you get down to the sources you find the story is so different." Gilbert added: "I do have a further sadness vis-àvis Taylor: I believe that if you adopt this more frivolous adopt this more frivolous attitude, that sources and painstaking research are not central to the historian's craft, you mislead people because you turn it all into a game. The Second World War becomes libly good fun. Hilter becomes something about whom you joke. The conflict of ideologies, which people took very seriously at the time, is dismissed in an epigram or, to make an impact, it is set upon its head."

This Nazi regime with the persecution of the Jews at its centre can never be a partner for the British democracy because this is their hallmark. These are the things that I found, and I was very surprised because the tits head."

I asked whether Gilbert's read every word A. J. P. Taylor view of history was at all coloured by his being Jewish. He chapel, sometimes to the synagogue. The attitude of the school was agnostic and radical: raught to admire those who were contemptuous of religion. One of the masters read Karl we were all impressed—here was this great figure, buried only a few minutes' walk from the school, who had said these extraordinary things." Gilbert from any organized spiritual became interested in Jewish history through his history, not through his Jewishness. "Not so much as an undergraduate. conducive to too much reflection: but afterwards, when I He was so angry about it, be-Churchill (for after all mine is | began my research into the '30s, not a hagiography, and the stumbling across the Jewish readers don't have to applaud question as a factor of British each piece of evidence) find political history and of inter-the evidence exciting and see national affairs. And then national affairs. And then Churchill was quite a revelation material; and those for whom to me, because first of all—and it's all—Well, Winston this was why I went to Churchill: I know all the Jerusalem for the first time

only some five years ago he

year he had persistently carried on a campaign for a

-started very early in the morning and went on to late to 2.30—working feverishly, frantically. What went on? What were the subjects? And I discovered that one of the things that upset him was the Nazi persecution of the Jews as a race. He was disturbed, of that the persecution of a whole people simply because you could say of a person (some-times with difficulty as the Nuremburg Laws of 1935 set out) "He is a Jew"—that was abhorrent I found that he had held this view even before Hitler came to power; and that in every speech . . . and article dealing with the German question, he dealt with the Jewish question; he said, "We cannot divorce the two; we may and will have sympathy for the Ger-man aspirations, to escape from the postwar economic depresas he interpreted it (and of course in 1919 he'd been against the terms of Versailles), "we may feel that Germany has legitimate interests in central Europe, economic, political; but Hitler-either in A. J. P. Taylor or in some 20 or 30 other works that have come out on Churchill and this period, anybody men-tioning his persistent, deep, total concern for the persecuform a similar pattern." tion of the Jews as the sign that the Nazis were not simply

them forward that was evil. Gilbert was impressed that Churchill had studied in detail the Nuremburg Laws which turned the Jews into secondclass citizens and led to their immediate elimination from German public life "He studied; he talked to people who knew about it; he got the text of the laws; he worked out what it was about. When, three years later, the Germans entered Austria The Times newspaper, which figures very largely in volume V, published an account of events in Vienna. cause it was not a true account such as he had been receiving from eye-witnesses. It was a clever account; it had become political. The Times was using the events of the German occupation of Austria to fit its own view of world events; and therefore the appailing persecution of the Jews on those first few

look at 1913 Admiralty papers. Suddenly, with the Public Record Act, an enormous goldhad not realized the extent to which they chose to ignore the evidence of Bitler's intention put before them; I'd not rea-lized at all how far junior members of the Cabinet had broken away from Chamberlain's

vigilance in foreign affairs. " Indeed it was Duff Cooper-I pur this in my book—who was the only Cabinet minister to oppose Chamberlain's rule for the BBC, that Churchill and other so-called 'controversial' speakers should not speak on foreign affairs. He said he couldn't see why independent opinion shouldn't be allowed on the BBC; but he was then a minority voice. . . And finally, no one had then realized the extent to which, after Munich, far from using the so-called 'year gained' to rearm, Chamberlain had adopted a quite different policy and a quite different attitude, that now the time had come for a real agree-ment with Hitler which would make massive rearmament un-necessary, and disarmament a possibility. And I document them both from the Cabinet and the Cabinet committee meetings (and you must remember that a lot of the important decisions were made, not in the Cabinet where there were dissenting voices, but in very small Cabinet committees which Neville Cham-berlain set up of three or four ministers of like mind) and also n Chamberlain's letters to his sister—a complete set of which is in the University Library at Cambridge—in which almost from day to day he gave her his gloss on affairs. You'll remember how in volume three, remember now in votume arree, Asquith's letters to Venetia Stanley, every day describing in detail the shifts of opinion in the Cabinet, were one of my most important sources one of the most important sources for understanding what Churchill, Lloyd George, Grey, Asquith and Kitchener the war council figures of those days, were doing, saving, thinking, hoping for; and here in this volume, Cham-berlain's letters to his sister

ne pauses like a man counting another political movement, right, left, autocratic, liberal, 10 to control his anger. He is not, of course, angry: just think-ing out the best form of answer fascist, nationalist—but that there was something driving like the first-class examinee his degree artests him. This time he nauses longer than usual, but finally: "There are no restraints. There are obviously things which I would still like to know. On the other to be able to tell I managed to find. So on balance I'd say it worked out well in that regard, Desmond Morton's true relationship with Churchill; their actual correspondence from day to day. The material which Ralph Wigram, a senior member of the Foreign Office, brought to him at Chartwell. The material which Wing Commander Anderson, the Director of Training at the Air Ministry. brought him. At the beginning there was a confusion. What was this material, when did it cover-but finally, making use of his desk diary, his appoint ments diary, the notes which his secretary prepared for him as to who was coming ... his

to tell a very detailed story of and answer the question which historians have asked, Where from?' and to answer it faithfully."
Work on the biography

divides naturally into phases. "There is the phase of collecting material, when one is mostly travelling; perhaps 50 per cent of the material is in London. exotic than it is; one is going from archive to archive, going through files. It's the slowest of the processes.

Gilbert likes to write on the largest sheets of paper: he started work in the era of foolscap and he wrotes on foolscap, but now, with the introduction of A4, he writes on A4. "In the transition period, one had very odd-looking files." He likes, in transcribing a docu-ment, to transcribe it in full. "I am a severe critic of the three dot brigade. One has constantly to make the decision where to end the quotation, but take something out of the middle of a sentence." (The "never" has a positively Churchillian ring to it.) He also prepares many chronolo-gies on long sheers of paper which he hangs from his lamps like giant flypapers. They are marked, in different colours, with blobs, dots and dashes to

indicate the gaps.

Collecting the material for volume five was a year's work. "I had no teaching or lecturing obligations; I simply col-lected material. Then followed the phase of going through the Churchill papers, which are here in a vault in Oxford. . . And still, of course, gaps would emerge, and one would have to scuttle off to London or Birmingham or St Andrews and fill in the gaps. Then came the oral evidence phase—always in some ways the most enjoyable. some ways the most enjoyable and also the most nerve-rack-ing. Having been a private throughout my National Service I found myself very nervous when approaching my first

Field Marshal.

He put me at my case by Then comes the final stage which be finds the most diffi-cult. "One takes off one's tie, puts on the kettle, and settles down at the desk to write.... bound notebooks. I write on the through it until, eventually, with the rewriting and the correcting, the thing becomes almost illegible. I have quite neat handwriting but it disintegrates both as the day goes on and as the pace or excitement of the writing goes on.
I use lots of different inks: I have five or six pens waiting about, and favourite pibs on

different days." Gilbert likes to let the history speak for itself, not in mangled paraphrase. "One is mangled paraphrase. "One is in a position which today's biographer of Fox or the younger Pitt or Cromwell can never be in. It's an opportunity which one should take because the next generation will not be able to take it. . . . There's no attempt at subterfuge or turning later recollection into contemporary document: I always say in the book 'Thirty-five years later Macmillan recalled' -so the reader can then judge for himself. . . The things I select for the book are atmospherics, little descriptions of Chartwell, little recollections of 30 or 40 years later, those which have still remained vivid. And my method was to write to every single person in the Visitors' Book who was still ative, and it included people who would write back: 'I only went to Chartwell once, but I have a vivid memory of it' and I knew what the once was, it was June 28, 1928; so whatever the recollection was, I could place it on the correct page and part of the page. People like Harold Macmillan and Lord Boothby, who knew Churchill very well in that period, and some 60 or 70 people who were his colleagues and his friends and assistants, have enabled a marvellous picture of a personality to emerge -sometimes confirming, some-times diverging from the picture which the author is assembling."

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I asked Gilbert whether he did not sometimes feel the urge to make history rather than write it. Surely his conversance fir him for the life of an active politician ? "I'm a professional historian ; I'm content with that. It keeps my time very filled. I have always liked teaching, and I like to feel that some of the things I've put together in these books will be of more than antiquarian interest. The economic problems volume V deals with; the problem of India and the Third World; the problem of Appeasement—all are contemporary problems. People who read the books, write: 'I was amazed that Churchell's work at the Exchequer seems so relevant today and when you read it you'll see why, because it deals with all the question of industry unemployment, incen-

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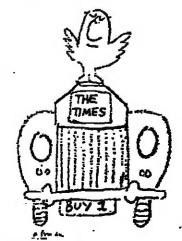
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ith various breaks for his own he remained one of jurchill's research assistants -tril mid-1967. One knows from the Evelvn one knows from the Everyll augh diaries how difficult it uld be to live at close sarters with Randolph nurchill. I asked Martin lbert what it had been like

work for him: was he over-aring? Gilbert replied: "He is a character of such infinite riety that if one were to ake a statement about one aracteristic it would be immeaely countered by another. affectionate; he could be littling, more than any ademic; he could encourage we than any other man in e world; he could make you el life was not worth living, you wanted to plunge a e into his back; but he uld also bring tears to your es at the feeling that what u were doing was appre-ited. The whole atmosphere the house was . . . like one those marvellous fairgrounds a St Giles here in Oxford, ise and colour and lilt—and nk and filth, people elbow-

The formal occasions could as daunting as an interview th the headmaster. "I rememr once when lain McLeod me, and Randolph was at that ne very taken with a particu-memorandum that his father d written, about 1912, about North Sea naval battle, His her had set out the scenario a German invasion across North Sea, and the Germans erching on London and the render of London-a provoive piece which was intended say to the Government, we couldn't actually estall such an invasion.' . . . e technique was that if there s an assistant he would read - document aloud, from an standing desk which had longed both to Disraeli and to nston Churchill Randolph uld sit near the desk, watchthe guest-and McLeod was guest And within a few ments McLeod got bored, or sught the document was a asense. He said 'I don't want hear any more of this.' bsolute rot, it's the most brilMartin Gilbert

And when Churchill received independent accounts he sent them at once to the editor of The Times; he said 'You really must be honest." I asked him about his 1960s books on the subject. The Appeasers (winten with Richard Gott) and The Roots of Appeasement and Britain and Germany between the Wars. What view had he formed of the appeasers?

Had he changed it by the time he wrote volume V of the Churchill biography? Gilbert said that when he wrote the earlier books, the modern historians' charter, the Public Record Act of 1965, was not in force. So he was labouring under force. So he was labouring under the restrictions of the 50-year rule, which meant that official papers—"the whole vast spectrum of archives from the Cabinet down to the Board of Trade"—were closed for the Munich period. When he first began working for Randolph Churchill he still had to get special permission from the then First Lord of the Admiralty to leak at 1913 Admiralty papers.

mine-which makes even the Russian gold-mines look pathe-tic-was opened up" and in common with all other modern historians he had to start work again. The printed evidence was nothing compared to what was to be opened up on January 1, 1966. "It's what makes Churchill volume V very different, much fuller, much more precise, dealing with meetings of which in 1962, 1964 and 1966 when I wrote the three other books, there could be no record-and could, at that point, not be a record for another 20 years, so one had to write something. And when new material comes up, people are very reluctant to alter their views formed on the ert had to change some of his views. "I had not realized the extent to which Neville Chamberlain's Cabinet were prepared to deceive Parliament. I

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I asked Gilbert whether there were still any restraints on him. Before answering any question.

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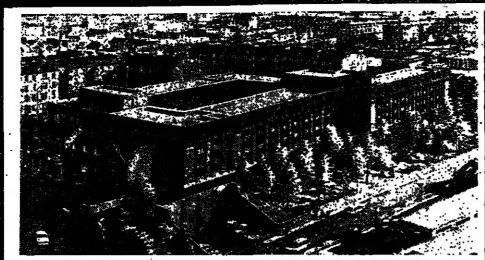
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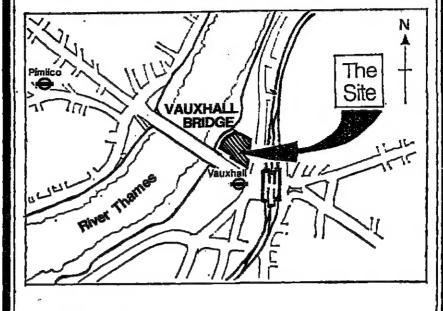
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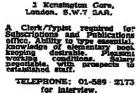
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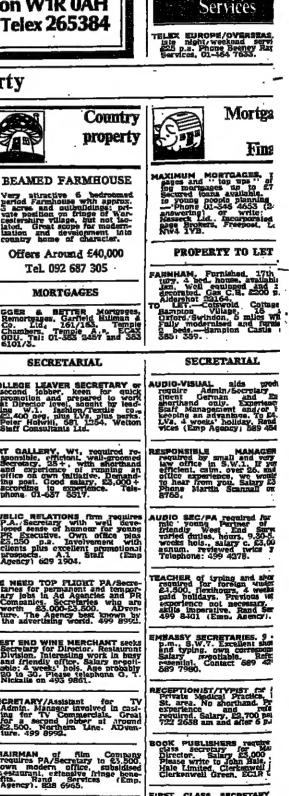
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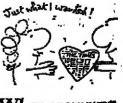
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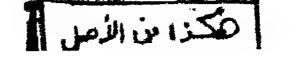




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After sixty years of ups and downs, is a labour ministry really necessary?

Today is the sixtieth anniversary of a major development in the Government's relationship with organized labour. On January 10, 1917, the newly-created Ministry of Labour took over from the Board of Trade responsibility

ministry, an objective for which they had been striving for 30 years. However, the ministry (renamed since 1970 the Department of Employment) has never measured up to the unious' expectations. Its polit-

ical and administrative role has been constant; undermined while the unious own influence has expanded independently. Consequently there seems no longer the need for a special "labour" ministry. Like the miners, it should perhaps be pensioned off at 60.

The ministrative creation and above all to guarantee that at least one guarantee that at least one desired that the services. Before 1939, the ministry despite its responsibility for industrial relations, unemployment and the social services. The rise of the Labour Party aroused far less controversy unions themselves meant that than some of the Department cabinets had to be ever mind-of Employment's recent legisla-ful of labour's interests. The

than some of the Department of Employment's recent legislation. The relevant Bill passed the Commons in three days, of labour was no longer so the Lords in one. Conservative necessary. The official policy peers fell over themselves to insist "we have reached a time in the history of the country in the history of the country in industrial relations. in the history of the country when it is absolutely necessary to have a Ministry of Labour. when it is absolutely necessary to have a Ministry of Labour."

Parliamentary approval had been anticipated. Since early December John Hudge, the of the Unemployment Assistance of the Unemployment Policy was pre-

the political game in 1976. Nationally we survived acute

economic pressures un-paralleled since the 1930s. We also managed to live through the Chaucellor's equally un-pleasant remedies (they would have been rather more success-ful if the rectages had been

ful if the packages had been administered together at the

beginning of the year but that's another story). We even sur-vived the visit and demands of the IMF team, and got what we wanted from them, whatever

that was.

The Labour administration

also survived. Jim Callaghan, in taking over from Harold Wilson, succeeded to no enviable task. And his continued existence as Prime Minister is

a delicately balanced affair when every parliamentary vote depends on a different permu-

tation or coelition of parties and personalities. The Govern-ment Whips Office achieves

As for the Labour Party, we stumbled through the Conference at Blackpool in September without adding to our prestige or credibility with

Survival—that was the name of Marxism seemed to be his main the political game in 1976, qualification for the job and

the outside public; we got little were merely inhouse and interior from the Walsall and Workington by-elections as a result. We gained a new Youth Officer called Bevan, whose

20-stone general secretary of the Steel Smelters' Union, had been installed in office. He had already ordered the arrest of three militants in Liverpool.

The political purpose of the ministry in 1917 was clear: to bind the Labour Party to the Lloyd George coalition and, Lloyd George coalition and, ionable areas of policy and their advice was constantly guide Britain towards its first sought. They also enjoyed sampower policy. The early some notable victories. Workarrests confirmed the militants' ing class living standards were fears of regimentation; but the labour movement had long wanted its own ministry to coordinate. for laws relating to employ after the Somme massacre, to ment. The unions had finally obtained "their own own manpower policy. The early

ministry's creation and the wartime growth of the

we attracted a voluntary recruitment officer, Tony Kelly,

who, after stimulating member-ship in Newbam North-East bas

now moved, with his member-ship cards, to Leeds South-East, with likely overnight stays in

other constituencies before the

Labour Party-between left and right-and which attracted the

middle-range voter has slipped. Whatever the merits of the

arguments currently taking place between the Trots, the IS

and the Markists—one thing is indisputable, without the middle-ground voter Labour

middle-ground voter Labour will not pick up many tropbies, and certainly will not win a general election whether it is in October of this year (the most likely early date) or later. Inexplicably the Tories under Margaret Thetcher have failed to exploit Labour's difficulties. We survived a nuclear leak at Windscale, which revealed a breakdown in the management reporting system. The general manager of Nuclear Fuels Limited said that such incidents were merely inhouse and inter-

The essential balance in the

stance Board) and regional policy (the special areas acts) were hived off to semi-inde-Administrative reputations nevertheless were made at the inter-war Ministry. Its officials were expert in vital if unfash-

the labour movement had long Treasury attack. If unemploy-wanted its own ministry to ment pay was reduced by 10 per coordinate administration of cent in the public expenditure interest to the unions, to be a cuts of 1931, for the married "national authority for unem-man with two children it had ployment and above all to risen in real terms by 240 per guarantee that at least one cent over the previous 10 Cabinet minister was sympathetic to union aspirations.

Before 1939, the ministry ployed to a thinly-disguised Poor Law was also defeated.

This expertise was duly rewarded in the Second World War, when allied to the political leadership of Ernest Bevin. A successful manpower policy was the key to Britain's victory and Ministry officials were closely involved in preparing the Beveridge Report and the 1944 Full Employment White Paper, the transfer was a successful to the property of the pr the two documents that were to dominate post-war economic and social policy. Personal recognition came at the end of the war with the appointment of eight officials to the rank of permanent secretary or its

In 1945 returned the prob-

But the ordinary member of the public, surrounded by breathtaking insensitivity and

poor decision-making in the machinery of local and central government insists on discuss-ing practical issues.

As an MP, on the receiving end of the constituents' letters

and visits to my surgery, it is impossible to ignore the con-stant theme of the majority of complaints, which show that the failures of our society and its systems are avoidable; they are the results of lack of

planning, poor management and inadequate communications. Yet the decision-makers

apparently do not learn much

Information about the partial introduction of the child benefit scheme in April is a case in point. Thirteen million leaflets were printed then due

leaflets were printed then due to ensure an enticient of a revised arrangement it was necessary to issue a correction slip, then the position was still unclear, so a second correction had to be added. It is, as my constituents point out, hard anough to find a post office with the original leaflet but to ensure an enticient to ensure an enticent to ensure an enticient to ensure an enticen

from their mistakes.

Muddling through will not do for 1977

Eric Moonman

lem of what the Ministry's peacetime role should be. Under a Labour Government its political role seemed superfluous, and some general secretaries of the TUC, notably George Woodcock, resented its exis-tence as a buffer between them and the government.
With the creation of the
NEDC, and later the social
contract, this intermediary role In the 1970s the Ministry's

contract, this intermediary role was made even more redundant. After the war it had been quickly relieved of its responsibility for social services and regional policy. It was thus left with industrial relations which—at that time—demanded political neutrality. Sir Walter Monckton, the archetypal minister of the 1950s, refused even to address the Conservative Party conference whilst Minister. The Ministry was suffocating to death.

was suffocating to death.

In the 1960s the Ministry's future, like many other problems, was seriously cuestioned but only half answered. The Ministry consciously abandoned its neutral image, seeking to promote positive industrial legislation even when this was not immediately acceptable to employers and unions. Under Heath and then Hare, the Ministry led rather than followed consensus by drawing followed consensus by drawing up such reforms as the Redundancy Payments, Industrial Training and Contracts of Employments Acrs. There was, however, a limit to such legis-

almost impossible to get the

two correction slips as well.
Intelligent planning is a
critical factor in the optimum

use of scarce resources in the Health Service, as I argued last year when I examined the state

of preventive medicine. Since the NHS was established nearly

30 years ago, there has not been a review of the original budget intentions, and services when compared to the increas-

ing new demands, facilities and

pressures within the actual sectors. Despite the much larger financial allocation

larger financial allocation today, the personal or specialist staff has barely increased in

proportion, and in psychiatric

often dangerously under-manned, yet the bureaucracy has grown five-fold. This Minister must act courageously to ensure an efficient deploy-ment of vectors in a year that

ment of resources in a way that many of his predecessors have shied away from doing. Britain is at least five years

behind the United States in the development of preventive medicine, although with our

reducing the incidence of avoidable disease are com-

paratively easy to mount. Despite all the research that has

been done, the DHSS is still hiding behind a verdict of "not

proven so far as dietary education is concerned.

Another case of muddle is the official response to accidents to children. Seventeen per cent of all child admissions

to hospital are the result of accident, either on the roads or in their homes. Yet the information available about the

information available about the causes of accidents has been found to be inadequate and misleading.

For example, Britain has the worst casualty rate for child pedestrians in western Europe, but only 38 per cent of primary schools pay really close attention to accident prevention. And the five-week campaign last autumn, in which £880,000 was spent to reduce child

was spent to reduce child casualties, was aimed primarily

health

cospitals, the nursing staff are

expand the Ministry by reab-sorbing its interwar respon-sibility for social services to limited functions must be quespowers over economic plan-ning.

history has been dominated by attempts to reform industrial relations and by the hiving off to autonomous bodies of its remaining administrative res-ponsibilities. The inclusion of certain clauses in the Indus-trial Relations Act (like the trial Relations Act (fike the handling of the 1973 miners' strike) is known to have been against official Ministry advice. The Ministry nevertheless suf-fered in the backlash. At the TUC's insistence, responsibility for conciliation and arbitration was hived off to ACAS, just as earlier (for administrative reasons) employment, training, health and safety had been dispersed among independent agencies. Policy might gain from the constructive participation of interested parties on these bodies; but the corollary is the reduction of the Department of Employment to a rump, merely monitoring the activities of these agencies and providing a think-tank on productivity and further employ-

ment legislation. Whether at a time of econoto mic retrenchment there is a © Times Newspapers Ltd. 1977

Research into road accidents is in the hands of bodies like the

Transport and Road Research

Laboratory, whose brief does not allow for a public health approach. The five government departments and the extraordinary number of national organizations concerned with child welfare (300 at the last county must set together in a

count) must get together in a national joint committee on accident prevention in child-

committee for many years and its results demonstrate that

such an approach is effective.

group who have suffered

through bureaucretic incompet-

ence and failure to respond to

demonstrable need. My involve-

meat with the plight of such

children began with the tragic

death of a three-year-old boy in

my constituency, whose parents

were sent to prison for neglecting him. My investigations into

the case showed that the health and welfare authorizes, who had been involved with the child from shortly after his

birth, had some responsibility in the matter. That case fol-lowed shortly after the Maria

Colwell tragedy, and has since been succeeded by the Stephen Meurs and Wayne Brewer

deaths, all of which occurred

during periods when the rele-vant authorities had under-

taken responsibility for the wel-

I have bed several meetings with the Minister in the Department of Health and it seems that we are ever hopeful of the establishment of confidential varietate but affects to

set up a national register were rejected by the local agencies in whose hands the whole prob-

lem of battered and neglected children remains. Locally estab-

lished registers identified nearly 6,000 children at risk within the first year, but the criteria for putting a child's name on the register vary considerably from

one local authority area to another, and even the responsi-bility for maintaining the regis-

ter does not follow an estab-lished pattern, with the health

fare of these children.

Battered babies are another

for social services to limited functions must be ques-(as in Germany) a tioned. Politically the Depart form (as in Germany) a tioned. Politically the Depart-Ministry of Labour and Social ment may be necessary, as a Services. Instead, for a brief unbappy spell under Barbara net will not ignore Labour's Castle, it was given new interests, that a Labour Cabinet will not ignore its trade union wing. Administratively, however, it is less able than ever to coordinate employment policy, let alone the full range of social policies which the social contract has now made the TUC's business. With the independence of ACAS, the Department is no longer able to play its invaluable historic role as a link between Cabinet, Whitehall and grass-root trade union opinion. After helping to

pioneer a revolution in the attitudes of the British Civil Service, the Department seems to have served its purpose. The wheel has turned full circle. The unions have become so powerful that they no longer need "their own" ministry. Employment policy, logically, should be administered once crain by the Board of Trade or more precisely its successor the Department of Industry.

Dr Rodney Lowe The author is a member of the Department of Economics, Heriot-Watt University, Edin-

The death rate of children

need to be monitored continu

mittee on violence in the fam-

on the conduct of investigations into cases of non-accidental in-

jury to children to complement

the advice being prepared fol-lowing the report of the Davies

Committee on hospital com-plaints procedures. The De-

partment and the local agencies

have certainly come a long way since Maria Colwell died, but

the last word has by no means

So much for 1976. I doubt if 1977 will be any better. Parliament reassembles today and despite the intensity of our

economic problems and growing unemployment the Government

has already committed a major

hard put to it to find ministers

who will maintain-in private-

more than a great irrelevance.

If you are inclined to an

optimistic turn of mind, then

some recent government state-

ments will comfort you: North See oil will contribute \$2,000m

to the balance of payments this year (Benn); in the second half

moving into place (Healey); there will be a breakthrough in defeating terrorist activities in Northern Treland (Mason). Jim Callaghan's references to the

Year of the Pendulum show him

to be more cautious and cor-rect but he should remind his ministers that the pendulum

swings back as well as forth and

you and I should take care not

to become hypnotized by its

The author is Labour MP for

dential registers but efforts to of 1977 everything should be

devolution is anything

at motorists, though this is officials in another, and NSPCC known to be largely ineffective. elsewhere.

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yer been said.

Ocean Island: Britain must do her moral duty

General is a party I think a Judge ought to direct attention to what he considers to be a wrong that he cannot right and leave it to the Crown to do what is considered to be proper. what is considered to be proper. Accordingly I draw the attention of the Attorney General to the matters of criticism that appear in this judgment, and in particular the two that I have just mentioned."

The Hon Sir Robert Megarry. Vice-Chancellor, in his judgment on the Banabans' action against the Crown

In their painfully long and ex-pensive lawsuits brought against the British Government and Phosphate Commissioners, the Banabans, as The Times rightly reported on December 4, won a clear moral victory in court but little money. In essence the issue always was one of morality not money since the action taken against the British action taken against the British after. Government came only after years of pleading by this little community for the restoration to them of their ancestral homeland, Ocean Island.

> Call for a fresh start was ignored

In his impeccable judgment, Mr Justice Megarry went to the heart of the matter. In directing the Attorney General's attention to grave breaches in the obligations of past colonial administrations towards the Banabans which his court was unable to remedy, he returned this issue to the political sphere from which the government should never have allowed it to depart in the first place.

to depart in the first place.

In April, 1975, accompanied by Mr John Lee (Labour, Handsworth). I visited the Pacific at the invitation of the Banabans. We found their initially startling claims of ill-treatment at the hands of Britain to be fully justified. We reported to the secretary of state in full upon our return, and called for immediate talks between the governments of attacked by their parents is estimated to be two a day. In an increasingly mobile society, potentially dangerous situations ally, and this means keeping track across local government The Minister is now awaiting the report of the Select Comily, as well as considering whether advice will be necessary between the governments of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and the United Kingdom with a view to wiping the slate clean and making a fresh start.

We recommended that this should be done irrespective of the cases which even then were before the High Court. The joint recommendations we made were ignored. Now, 20 months later, and after the expenditure of legal fees reported to amount to close on a million pounds, the judge has drawn the Goveroment's attention to the moral and political obligation towards this small people of which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has been aware all along. These had been share of its time to devolution for Scotland and Wales. We may ultimately take a charitable view of the "transference of power" but at the moment I'm Pacific, Australia and New Years the issues were Zealand, where the issu

well understood. Consider the Banabans' grievances. Mr Justice Megarry describes the outrageous attempt to persuade them in 1928 to part with land they did not wish to lease for excavation. He condemns the manner in which the resident commissioner, who threatened the destruction of their village and the compulsory acquisition of their land at "any old price", actually exercised the duty of prescribing the Banabans' royalties once their land had been compulsorily purchased.

Even greater damage was done to Banaban interests when they were induced in 1947 to part with virtually the remainder of Ocean Island. In disposing of the last two fifths of their homeland they were allowed by the colonial administration no expert advice. As Mr Justice Megarry pointed out

powerless to give the plaintiffs
any relief in these matters.

But in litigation against the

But in litigation against the ships under the Japanese during the war, had been uprooted from their homeland without being able to return to see what state it was in, were trans-planted to an unknown environplanted to an inhabitat amarkedly ment in Fiji with a markedly different climate living in temporary, makeshift accommodation and many of them were ill.

In these circumstances, even the adviser appointed to them by the British Government of the day was prohibited from helping them negotiate the disbelping them negotiate the dis-posal of a quarter of a century's phosphate deposits. In short, a small people for whom Britain had a moral responsibility were talked into signing an agree-ment without any provision for subsequent revision in the light of chapping circumstances.

of changing circumstances.

This failure to give our wards the advice which any com petent businessman or profes sional adviser would have giver them at the time has resulted their suffering substantia losses over the years. The judiciary has now invited

the judiciary has how hither the executive to right a wrong and it will be the duty of Par liament to ensure that this i done. Time, however, i running out. Britain plans to leave the Pacific very shortly for the exercisement must be consuch a settlement must be con-cluded before we part with any of our power to make decisions. Thus, the time has come for the Government to heed the Banabans' petition for the separation of Ocean Island from the Gilberts Colony, now on the verge of independence Most Banabans are citizens and wish residents of Fiji, and wish therefore to see their homeland back under their own sovereign control and in free association with Fiji. The people and government of Fiji are known to favour this solution, and await Britain's decision with some impatience.

> An error that would sour relations

For Britain to disregard the feelings of the largest independent state among the Pacific Islands, to deny the Banabans the right to be their own masters in their ancestral homeland of Ocean Island, and to leave this part of the world. to leave this part of the world with a problem unresolved, would be an abdication of responsibility on our part and a grave political error of judgment. It would sour our hitherto excellent relations with Fiji (where we have already witnessed a huge anti-British demonstration and trade union action aimed at Eritish diplomatic . communications), leave a festering wound in a faraway region which Britain should be leaving with her head wide high and reputation untar-the nished.

Only monetary self-interest Office and the Treasury to continue to oppose the morally just and politically wise separation of the Banaban homeland from the Gilbert Islands, thus sever-ing a link forged by Britain in 1916 purely for her own administrative and financial conveni-ence. Banaban phosphates, which were sold below world prices to Australian and New Zealand farmers and from which Britain, too, has bene-fited for three-quarters of a century, are all but exhausted. We have literally consumed Ocean Island. The Government must heed Mr Justice Megarry's unprecedented appeal and deal generously with the Banabans, both financially and politically. This, indeed, is a

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authority taking charge in some places, the senior social service Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977 amenities. The purpose of the neming, has so far proved

Unworthy of

to over-priced restaurants for those who think pubs are too

and the surroundings are more idiosyncratic and characterful than in the general run of pubs.

The invitation to Thursday's Tweltth Night Party at St Mary's Church, Lambeth, was among the half-dozen most off-

meeting for it was in truth more in the nature of a meeting than a party, despite the wine and mince pies—was to propound a possible use for the church, to prevent its being demolished.

There have been several plans for converting it to a useful purpose, but the latest could have more chance of success than the others. A Trust is being formed to raise between £100,000 and £250,000 to turn it into a conference and

research centre for gardeners. The inspiration for the scheme is that one of the two remaining tombs in the churchyard is of the John Tradescants, a father and son who were pioneer gardeners of the seventeenth century and who lived in the South Lambeth Road. (The other tomb is of Captain Bligh of the Bounty) of the Bounty.)

Mea Allan, who has written a book about the Tradescants, explained to Thursday's meeting that the plan would include planting the churchyard as a Tradescant memorial garden, consisting only of the plants that the Tradescants introduced to Britain. These include the phlox the lupin, the tulip tree, the lilac (I think I have Tradescant's original lilac in my own garden nearby) as well as the Tradescantia, named after them.

The chief mover behind the plan is Rosemary Nicholson, who lives over the river in Chelsea and who has gained some notable support. About 150 people braved the cold of the church to attend the meeting and they seemed the meeting and they seemed the meeting. restore the medieval tower.

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Survival

Thursday night's frost had all but cleared from the Brixton allotment before midday, and the ground was in surprisingly good shape for the continuance of the winter digging. So invigorating was the cool sun-shine that I cleared away the remaining green broccoli plants to give me more space to dig.
They should by rights have given up the ghost before Christmas, but there were a few incipient heads which might have given another picking had I not decided to uproot them for the sake of my recreation. The purple broccoli should start producing in a couple of months, but there will be a picking or two of sprouts to tide us over, as well as a few cauliflower whose leaves I have been bending over to protect them against the frost. In spite of the fact that the frosts have

past couple of winters, most of my autumn-sown stuff is bear-ing up rather well. In particular the winter let tuce, protected only by plastic

been more severe than for the

impervious to the weather. And the Ailsa Craig onions, warmed by their accompanying carpet of weeds, are also surviving

Even a late sowing of ... spinach, which gave me only one picking in the autumn, remains intact, and could be more productive in spring. But I fear that my over-optimistic October sowing of peas may be done for.

With a bang

I fear that the BBC might taking their rivalry with ITV too seriously. They are advertising in their local paper, the Acton Gazette, their intention to set up an explosives factory, near Wood Lane.

It is not, the television press
office say, as dangerous as it
sounds, though the statumany
notice in the paper is worded
so that it might terrify the more
timid residents of Shepherd:
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spokesment sid.
He added: "All is is really

spokesman raid.

He added: "All it is really is a wire case about eight feet share with one table and a thair. It's a place where properly qualified beonle can go to mix chemicals when we need a flare for Dr Who, of something like that. There is no question of real explosive being involved."

The perils of telephonic communication are illustrated by an announcement of a forth coming meeting in Leeds in Saturday's Morning Star "Israel Today", it reed. "Ber Ramelson reports on his real! Communist Congress." Really?

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maximum of 12 months. You can obtain a leaflet with full details of the scheme from any Department of Employment Regional Office or your local Unemployment Benefit Office, Employment Office or Job-

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Robin Young sums up his mostly unhappy experiences during his survey of London

Having visited nine wine bars in quick succession, I am left in no doubt about their overwhelming popularity. Only at Marsden's Wine Lodge in Islington, which I visited at a slack time in the evening, was stack time in the evening, was there no throng to jostle with before being served. Many of the establishments plainly had difficulty in coping with their custom, and at Whitzington's and Balls Brothers particularly it is possible that I would have freed better had in

fared better had it not been for the pre-Christmas rush. Yet I can only wonder whether the wine bars' popularity is deserved. Assuredly they are no place for the contemplative wine lover. Only at Yats in Lambs Conduit Street did the staff give any impression of knowing or caring much about the wines they carried.

about the wines they served. The same bar was the only one to give any indication of the amount of wine held in a glass. The bars generally prefer small and over-filled glasses to proper service, and without exception include in their lists wines that are really too young to be drunk with enjoyment.

ioyment.

They do not always serve better food than pubs, though they generally give it more fanciful names. Pare, often homemade but not always the better for that, game pie and hot quiches are the standard fare. Continental cheeses are commonplace, though not always well looked after.

I have had letters in defence of their favourites from regular customers at Davy's wine bars, Whittington's, and Bails Brothers, and one reader even put in a good word for El Vino's. Others have been amazed at the bills I have been

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the noble grape

paying for my meals—but it should be noted that I have usually taken three wines, and had at least two dishes to test the catering adequately.

A reasonably substantial snack and a single glass of wine would usually be obtainable for £1, and the bars are obviously a useful alternative to over-priced restautants for

vulgar. A full meal and decent bottle will cost about £5 per person.

The clientèle is often young,

I prefer wine to beer, but as yet I am afraid that London wine bars do not do justice to the better beverage.

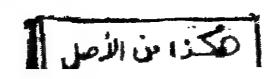
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putting I have ever received.
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self politically committed to a further bout of reflation in his second year, when other considerations might be arguing for greater caution. Such caution on the part of Mr Carter in deciding the size and shape of his reflationary package will, however, still not be enough to convince those of a monetarist persuasion of the wisdom of what he proposes. Although inflation in the United States is at a lower level than in many less happy countries, it certainly could not be said to be under control, or that inflationary expectations had been anything like fully wrung from the American system. Fur-

ther, there is some irony in the fact that while the United States has taken a strong, if quiet, position that the British public sector deficit is too high and should be reduced as a condition for IMF loans and sterling halance safety nets, the United States has a budget deficir that is a higher proportion of its gross

HE CONTRADICTIONS THAT FACE MR RICHARD

ing for a shorter transition, an

interim government to be dominated by Africans before

elections, African control of the

security forces, a small (if any)

role for a British chairman, and

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incoming President now proposes to increase it.

A monetarist would now forecast, if as seems likely Mr Carter has his way with the Congress and with the Federal Reserve Board, that the rate of inflation in the United States would be showing clear and unwelcome signs of rising again during 1978. The steady weakness of the dollar in the weeks since Mr Carter won his election may be taken as evidence that the foreign exchange markets are taking the same view. As a consequence the pound is deriving some relative benefit, but this is an insignificant consideration compared to the future health of the most important currency in the world.

The danger is that Mr Carter will be tempted to follow the course of economic policy adopted in the United Kingdom under the last Government. The notion that the maximum use should be made of human and other resources by stimulating economic activity, while keeping inflationary pressures in control through formal or informal policies for prices and incomes, has its obvious political attractions. The lesson of the last decade, however, must surely be that economic policy can only work when it is applied in all its aspects, fiscal, monetary and prices and incomes, in the same direction. If fiscal and monetary policy are set on expansion, prices and incomes policy is too frail a reed to contain inflation, the more so in the United States which is an infinitely larger and more dispersed economy than

that of the United Kingdom.

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Bishop from Lusaka opens a rift

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Mr Smith can now indeed feel

joining the Patriotic Front.

new state scheme. Sir Donald Sargent and others made the same point most forcibly in your columns on December 22. If a statement of government policy is to be delayed until the next stage of pay policy is settled, as I understand it is, one is entitled to ask the Government bow they expect

If there should be any delay we risk the deorivation, once again, of hundreds of thousands of future pensioners who will get that lesser provision in retirement which delay

inevitably involves.

All that is required from the Government is an amountement now to the effect that any improvements in benefits agreed in the coming ments will be able to be implemented from an agreed date on-wards. This does not constitute a breach of the pay code but it would allow consultations and negotiations to proceed to a positive conclusion. Yours faithfully,

Chairman. mnany Per sions Information Centre, 7 Old Park Lane, W1.

25 years on

From Mr Hugh Dokes, MP for Harrow, East (Conservative) Sir, In congratulating you on the excellent persuasiveness of the message in your leading article "25 Years on" (December 31), an overwhelming number of observers and commentators would nowadays pre-

At the same time, and linking up with the interesting recent correswith the interesting recent correspondence in your columns on Germany's success, this need not—indeed, should not—mean an inevitable deterioration in the nation's social capital if lasting economic recovery was quick enough. Quite the reverse; in fact German's economic recovery was quick enough.

tive Party, as the alternative contender for office, knows the realities of the message, its best combination of philosophies to produce both practical economic success and constructive social barmony must surely be that which would unite the basic elements of modern pragmatic polirics. Namely, in so far as these labels have meaning, to be substantially "right wing" on economic policies, but relatively "left wing" on social policies. Yours faithfully,

HUGH DYKES, House of Commons.

long, o Lord, how long—that there will be no peace in Uister until the IRA is defeated. Christian names The other recourse, of yielding victory to the Queen's enemies, is

meats on the use of Elizabeth by readers of The Times. According to counts based on the Registrar General's Indexes of Births, the name lies in only 43rd position at the moment in England and Wales. though it is more popular in Scorland. Elizabeth was most used as a first name during the reign of Oueen Victoria and it has steadily declined in popularity this century. As Mrs Brown's own figures suggest.

to proceed to Northern Ireland, our however, it is a favourite middle local newspaper, the Western Morning News (January 4) speeds our men on their way to their thankless but dangerous duty with the comment, "All the British public wants to do about Ulster is to try to forget it". Is there no honour left in England?

A count made by the collection. Cleveland Frank of Michigan, shows that Flizabeth has recently dereliction of Ulster rests not upon the people of the United Kingdom but upon the UK Government. The Army in Northern Ireland does its sorry duty by the Government. When will the Government do its own duty? When will the Government, having always had the means, at long last muster the will to defeat the IRA?

HOLDEN 1 Aragon Avenue. Thames Ditton, Surrey. January 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Policy on pension schemes

From Lord Byers

Sir, Sir Alastair Pilkington makes a sensible and important plea for greater unity in policy making between the major parties (The Times, January 4) and he cites the Social Security Pensions legislation which proceeded through both Houses without a hostile vote on any

of its major stages.

The unity which was then established is now being jeopardized. To some extent this is, as Sir Alastair says, because of the rather unclear terms of the White Paper on trade union participation in the running of occupational schemes, a position which I believe will, in the end, have to be modified

To an even greater extent this unified approach is being undermined by the determination of the Government to continue its policy of restricting the improvements of occupational pension benefits above the absolute minimum required to contract out, unless the cost is set against the pay limits, and its insistence that no new policy for pensions can be announced until the next stage of the pay policy is upon

us in July of this year.

Companies find it virtually impossible to carry out meaningful consultations and negotiation when they do not know whether or not they will be able to implement the policy thus agreed. Above all, the time factor in bringing the new Act into operation is now crucial. The date for this is April 1978 in theory but in macrice decision will have no but in practice decision will have to be made well before the end of be made well before the end of 1977—this year. Lord Allen of Abbeydale, Chair-

man of the Occupational Peosions Board, was reported in *The Times* on December 2 as predicting the possibility of complete chaos if more haste were not made in deciding whether or not to contract out of the

negotiations to be completed and applications of companies to contract out to be processed by the OPB in time for the schemes to function from April, 1978.

BYERS,

sumably accept the logic of the call in the last paragraph for a government to move away from emphasis on security to opportunity in the years ahead.

mic advance has allowed her to create a very elaborate social wel-fare structure, which is broadly accepted by all sectors of society. Hence, in so far as the Conserva-

From the Honorary Secretary. The Names Society Sir, Mrs Brown (January 6) com-

name. One of Elizabeth's many pet forms -Lisa-has recently been very fashionable, but the leading first names in the country as a whole are currently Claire, Sarah and Nicola. Stephen, Mark and Paul are the most popular boys' names.

been one of the top ten names for girls in the United States. The American preference at the moment seems to be for Jennifer. Amy and Sarah, with Michael, Jason an Matthew heading the boys' list. Yours sincerely. LESLIE DUNKLING,

Delenda est IRA. Yours faithfully, FRANK HODGSON, 70 Bickham Road, Plymouth.

Not too petty for a jury

From the Chairman of the Bar Sir. All sections of the Bar with which I have been in touch would agree with your leader of January 6: they had already expressed to me almost identical views. One point, however, although touched upon seems to me not to have been made with sufficient emphasis: you express it as "the belief that justice

for the innocent defendant is more certain before a jury . . . ". In my view it is more than a belief: it is an inevitable inference from

Those facts are: that before a jury, the prosecution have to satisfy twelve, or after two hours ten persons of the accused's guilt: before magistrates they only have to satisfy between one and three; that most prosecutions rely to a considerable extent upon the evidence of police officers: few jurymen, if any of them, will ever have heard any police officer give evidence-often magistrates have heard the

often magistrates have heard the same officer giving evidence before; and that at every trial juries are specifically reminded by the judge of the burden of proof.

The inevitable inference from these facts is that, all other things being equal, and however fairly proceedings are conducted, it must be inherently less likely that the prosecution will establish the guilt of an accused person before a jury of an accused person before a jury than before magistrates. The inevitable conclusion, therefore, is that if the Criminal Law Bill is enacted in its present form, the chances of an innocent person being convicted

must be increased.

This, probably the most significant implication of the recommend-ations made by the James Com-mittee, was not acknowledged in its Report. Would the Committee have made those recommendations had they drawn, and expressed, this inevitable conclusion? Ought those recommendations, particularly those affecting theft cases, to be implemented in the face of that conclusion? Surely not. Above all, how is

it possible to justify a disregard for the Committee's recommendations that charges of assaulting the police should not be removed from the Crown Court and that there should be earlier disclosure of prosecution evidence at summary trials? There can be no justification whatsoever. Yours faithfully,

PETER WEBSTER, The Chairman of the Bar, The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, 11 South Square, Gray's Inn, WC1. January 7.

From Mr W. John Jones

Sir. The proposal to remove the right to elect trial by jury from those charged with stealing amounts of less than £20 is as inflationary as it is unjust. Professional shoplifters-of whom there are manywill preserve their right of trial by jury simply by ensuring that they never leave shop premises with less than £20 worth of stolen goods. Yours faithfully,

W. J. JONES, 1 Hare Court, Temple, EC4. January 6.

From Mr Geoffrey Hill Sir, In your leading article this morning (January 6) you argue that in cases of assault on police officers the right to trial by jury should stand. There is no such right. It is excluded by s. 25(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952, an inter-pretation which was affirmed by the House of Lords in Toohey v Wool-wich Justices 1967 2 AC 1.

At present the prosecutor may opt for trial by jury; the defendant may not Уршк.

GEOFFREY HILL. Deputy Chief Clerk, Marlborough Street Magistrates

21 Great Marlborough Street, W1.

their proposals, and they often exer-

cise it.
It is fair to add that most airlines

Air fare structure

From the Deputy Chairman of British Airways Sir, Mr Kenneth Braidwood's letter

published on January 5 reflects a widespread misunderstanding of the international airlines' motives and their attitudes towards air fares as expressed collectively through the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

As a member of the Execurive Committee of LATA I must point out that the main reason why the air-lines, using the IATA machinery, agree between them the fares and rates which they propose should be applied on international flights that they are required to do so by the governments of the states served by these flights.

Almost all bilateral air services agreements between the govern-ments stipulate that there shall be agreed common tariffs. Govern-ments delegate this task to the carbelieve that absence of agreed tariffs would result in chaos—for the public as well as our industrybearing in mind the thousands of sales points and tens of thousands of fare combinations employed all round the world. But that is not the fundamental factor producing the requirement for the fares agree-

Nor is it true to describe the airlines' trade association as a cartel when, as Mr Braidwood himself makes clear, it exercises no control over the volume of production of seats, the supply of which so greatly exceeds demand—with a resulting bad effect upon the industry's financial results.

Yours faithfully, H. E. MARKING. Deputy Chairman, British Airways Head Office, PO Box 13, Victoria Terminal, Buckingham Palace Road, SW1

The hereditary peerage

From Mr H. B. Brooks-Baker From Mr H. B. Brooks-Baker
Sir, We are very pleased and
impressed by the great interest the
world is showing in the letters
written to you by Mr Fletcher-Cooke
(January 4), and Sir Iain Moncreiffe
of that Ilk (January 7). Two of the
greatest assets England has are the
Royal family and the peerage. The
respect the world has for these
institutions is more than well documented, and it is also undeniably
true, that this country's balance of
payments has been added in substantially by them.

stantially by them. Sir lain's suggestion that eminen' elderly people be granted peerages from time to time is as sensible as the idea of an immensely distin-guished life peer being raised to an hereditary peerage. The reason the aristocracy in this country is different from most other monarchies, including Scandinavia, is that England's is almost one hundred per cent. intact, and is functioning politically and socially, whereas in Scandinavia there is little more left scandinavia there is little more left than the pomp and ceremony, and in the case of Sweden, most of that was eradicated last year. If you compare the English system with that of France, which has not had a monarch in 107 years, one sees

From Mr Frank Hodgson

Sir Your leading article (January 5), "Politics in Abeyance" is too comfortable by half: in your own phrase, unpardonably complacent.

While politics are in abeyance, the IRA still, after seven years, goes on murdering and maining

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It has long been manifest-how

not this time open to Her Majesty's

Government, since the loyalists are

That may account for the greater

antipathy shown in Government-

inspired opinion towards the

lovalists than towards the IRA, over

all these years of IRA barbarism inflicted upon our fellow country-

As our local regiment, the Devon-

The unbearable reproach of our

shire and Dorset Regiment, is about

there to prevent it.

men in Ulster.

the difference between night and day. Though the French are probably the greatest admirers in the world of the Royal family, and of the peerage, and the system generally, France's nobility has no political importance. political importance or clearly defined duties, and though the Comte de Paris is no longer forced to live in exile, only his peers have his ear.

We will see as the Jubilee year progresses, that Queen Elizabeth and the House of Lords are almost as important to the rest of the world as to Great Britain. But if these institutions are to remain healthy and purposeful, they must not be allowed to wither. Life peerages have their place, but are they a substitute? We must never forget, that on what this country does today, the future of many throughout the the future of many throughout the world will depend, but pomp without power is ridiculous, and rather

Yours truly. H. B. BROOKS-BAKER. Managing Director, Debrett's Peerage Limited. Neville House, Fden Street, Kinyston upon Thames, Surrev.

Politics in abeyance

The proposed assemblies From Mr William M. Moss Sir, May an English Tory comment on Mr Ancram's letter (December

Of course the wish of the people of Scotland to have a greater say in the running of their effairs is understood. But the English, too. have their national pride, even if it may seem to have been hidden from view in recent years. What Mr Ancram calls "the unfairness which may arise" when Scotland has its own assembly is not something which can be swept under the carpet or "adjusted as required "

This greater say in its own affairs to which Scotland aspires must be exchanged for a lesser say in the domestic affairs of England. It is quite monstrous that we should be asked to support an assembly with important powers, unless either the Scottish members lose their vote in the Westminster Parliament on devalved matters, or else are much reduced in number.

Mr Ancram writes that Scotland's future is in English hands because of the latter's numerical superiority. It appears quite likely that the reverse may be true. In a rarrowly divided political situation, the votes of the Scottish members of the Westminster Parliament are quite likely to be decisive now and in the Why should the English hand back the domestic affairs of Scotland to Edinburgh, and still allow the Scots 70 votes or more in deciding English domestic affairs? Only a Government con-cerned more with its own immediate future than in providing a lasting solution to the problem could put forward such a measure as is now fore the House of Commons. Yours faithfully, WILLIAM M. MOSS.

Kerworth House, High Street, Kegworth, Near Derby.

'Both sides of

industry' From Mr I. Weston Smith

Sir, On reading the Chancellor's letter to the IMF what first sprang to my eye was Mr Healey's use of the expression "both sides of industry". This deplorable phrase seems to have wedged itself into the English language; at best it is argon, which too many politicians know no berter than to use: at worst it is incitement to conflict.

An enterprise consists of men and women who, banded together, are determined on success and reward within that enterprise, there cannot be "two sides". In saying this I am wholly sympathetic to the views expressed by Mr Steel so vigorously in his party broadcast, and so, I suspect, are the majority of my fellow citizens, who work in, and contribute to, our industrial

No less disturbing in my view is Mr Healey's assertion—expressed in the same letter—that "industry" has approved the pursuance of the

strategy".

When the Chancellor of the Exchequer uses the word "industry" what does he mean—the whole of the wealth-creating process influenced, owned and/or controlled by the people of these islands? Poes he embrace manufacturing, whole-saling, retailing, trading and com-merce of all kinds, including the financial institutions, the banks, insurance companies, shipping and transport enterprises, the supply of energy in all its forms and, not least, overseas companies—largely owned by United Kingdom share-bolders—whose managers help to sell our exports and whose dividends swell our currency reserves and contribute to balancing our trade deficit, and if he does mean all these many and several enterprises and the people within them, what process of consultation did he use in order to ascertain whether they understand and approve of his in-

dustrial strategy?

The people to whom I have referred will be much affected by the IMF loen and the conditions attached thereto and they are constantly exhorted by her Majesty's ministers to enthuse own Majesty's ministers to enthuse over "devolu-tion", "consultation" and "partici-pation". The irony of Mr Healey's statement on their behalf will surely not escape them? Yours faithfully,

I. WESTON SMITH, Chairman, The Morgan Crucible Company. 88 Peny France, SW1.

Cost of fish marketing From Mr M. I. Lipman

Sir, Some two years ago, you were kind enough to publish a letter from me on the subject of fish prices and distribution as compared with, say, beef. Since then I have carried on a desultory correspondence with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, which culminated in their passing the matter over to the Ministry of Prices a Consumer Protection who had ordered an inquiry on this subject, and whose report published in May. 1976, was scathing and referred to prices in the shops being up to four times that at the dock side. Since then, neither the Prices or Food Ministries have uttered a word on the subject, in spite of the report's denial of the claim by the fish trade as quoted to me by the Food Ministry on March 16, 1976, that fish being perishable "demands a sophisticated distribution system the cost of which agreement for the a sopulsticated distribution system the cost of which accounts for the margins in question". If the multiplicity of competing (?) traders at Grimsby and Billingsgate is "sophisticated" by any standard, then heaven help us!

Now that the whole fisheries questioned

tion is overshadowed by the Iteland debacle followed by the new 200 mile declaration, surely as we, the public, are underwriting the security of the fishing zones through the heavy expense of frigates and Nimrods, it behaves the whole fish trade from dock to the local fish shop, to put its house in order, failing which, perhaps we should turn for a model to the Milk Marketing Board, which collects an equally perishable product from tens of thousands of farms daily, processes it, and delivers it at our doorstep daily at a total distribution cost of approximately half that applicable in the present "sophisticated" system which now threatens us to put fish on a par with fillet steak in price, and thus equally beyond the purse of 95 per cent of our people.
I am. Sir, yours, etc.

M. I. LIPMAN, "Bretts", The Village Green, Newick, Sussex. January 4.

Napoleon's coats From Mr David Gianour

Sir, There seems to be a lot of unnecessary fuss about the Duke of Weilington's purchase of the coat Napoleon is supposed to have worn at the Battle of Waterloo, Napoleou had a great many military coats. According to Duroc, the Grand Marshal, he bought a new one every three months and the 1811 inventory of the Imperial wardrobe shows that he possessed 16 m current use at that time.

Quite a few were admittedly lost or burnt in Russia the following year, but there is still a large selection in French hands. So I cannot see why your correspondent Mr Fowler (December 14) thinks the coar ought to be given back to the French, especially as some of the things Napoleon removed from other countries are still in France (Veronese's Marriage of Cana, for example).

In any case, Bonapartists should be heartened by the fact that the coat has passed from the family of the man who actually wanted to execute Napoleon (ie Marshal Blucher) into the hands of the descendant of the man who, when asked whom he considered the greatest general of the age, replied: "In this age, in past ages, in any see, Napoleon." Yours faithfully.

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1 the EEC, ut not quite holeheartedly

one of the least amiable of our onal political traits to take for sted that all things British are ssarily best, and that it has been used by providence that we t sacrifice our ease to send ionaries carrying the word from uninster to peoples who live in mess and ignorance. For that on, correction seems obligatory ome of the extravagant, even winistic, comment about the blishment on the commanding hts in the European Economic munity of two of the ablest our politicians: Mr Anthony land as President of the Council linisters for six months, and Mr lenkins as President of the Commission in Brussels for an al four years.

ney will, it has been expansively ested, give to the Community a critical hour the stronger ership and direction it so badly is, resolve the most immediate rlems on sight, cut Gordian s, and if need be emulate Moses part the English Channel to

Western Europe into the cised land. I ask leave to doubt ot so much because they can stimes be the most remote and ly politicians of their generation rather because they start from urty and governmental base of European commitments. Perthe best service they render, he limelight now trains upon i, will be to reconcile Britain. least many of their own Labour agues high and low, to a Eurodestiny, and to serve as ionaries from there to here. ter all, Mr Crosland belongs, Mr Jenkins used to belong, to

vernment and a party that has

r been able to make up its I about membership of the EEC.

he would be a fool of a poli-

tician within the original Six who did not recognize that. In 1966 Sir Harold Wilson and the Cabinet turned towards membership only as an expedient to wriggle off the book of devaluation, and when they returned to power in 1974 they resorted for party reasons to the gamble of a referendum to confirm British membership.

their own future good, which he

is liable to resent as interference with internal Zimbabween affairs and an effort by Mr

Nkomo to save his political for-

tunes by unfair means. This will

be very useful to Mr Smith's

arguments, whether or not it

frightens the Bishop's supporters

Like Sir Harold, Mr Callaghan as Prime Minister shows his luliewarm pragmatism about Britain in Europe by sending to meetings of the Coun-cil of Ministers a succession of ministers such as Mr John Silkin, Mr Tony Benn, and Mr Peter Shore, who are bostile to nearly every idea and ideal of Europeanism; and in the Commons Air Callaghan makes no attempt to avoid the impression that Britain is in Europe for what he can get, above all a food subsidy of £1.5m every day of the year. More than that: when the Labour delegation to the European Parliament elected a leader to succeed the Europeanist Mr Michael Stewart, they chose a Tribunite Mr John Prescott, who would not touch the EEC with a barge-pole if he

could help it. No wonder Bonn bridled when Mr Jenkins tried to dictate a change in the choice of West Germany's Commissioner; no wonder he sat, primus inter pares, for the best part of a day and night last week to persuade his 12 fellow Commissioners to accept his judgment of how portfolios should be matched to men. No wonder Mr Crosland asks himself how long it will be before he succeeds Mr Healey at the Treasury, knowing there can be no change until his six months' tenure of the Council Presidency and the conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in June come felicitously to an end. Apart from personal commitment to their Europeanism, their leadership must be limited by the Labour Government's demonstrable halfheartedness about membership, except where the Cabinet sees a clear poli-

tical and financial advantage. Nor can it be said that the House of Commons shows much awareness of Britain's membership of the EEC. Today MPs return from the Christmas adjournment, and the day's first business will be one of the rare debates about the EEC's impact on Britain. Several debates

proceedings against those resindependence party can be inponsible for the illegal regime serted, to garner African support for the Kissinger plan which at least (he can say) would post-It would seem therefore that President Nyerere will in effect pone inter-African violence, He can add that Lusaka has now removed any chance of an effec-

have to advise Mr Richard that what he can agree with Messrs Mugabe and Nkomo will be acceptable to the frontline tive British role-to reassure whites of a fair deal as well as presidents, and that it is up to Africans that change is irreversible-whether or not he with-Mr Richard to ensure that whor has been agreed by him with drew his opposition to it. Messrs Mugabe and Nkomo It is hard to follow Mr becomes acceptable to Mr Smith Richard's reaction that the comand Mr Vorster.
This complicates any efforts at muniqué should please Mr Vorster. In effect it now requi mediation. Quite apart from Mr. Smith's reaction, it will almost certainly not be acceptable to

him to put pressure on Mr Smith not just to accept modifications to the Kissinger plan (which Mr Vorster could justify to his restive constituents) but to accept a plan for the rather Muzorewa and Sithole (who claims he leads the Zanu faction and not Mr Mugabe). The indications are prompt replacement of himself that if an election were held and his colleagues by a Patriotic Front government with some among the Rhodesian blacks immediately Bishop Muzorewa would win handsomely over Mr white participation. Mr Richard must in fact ask Mr Vorster to Nkomo's candidates. The Bishop go much further than Dr Kissmay well see in the Lusaka cominger did, without Dr Kissinger's muniqué an open warning to his followers to change sides for

special leverage. It is difficult to think that these complications can be sorted out in the eight days left before the conference is reconvened-

at which the Patriotic Front will claim solely to represent the Africans. Indeed, the basic decisions can now only be taken in Africa.

one after the other, in fact, starting with developments in the Community between May and October, 1976, and moving on to Commission documents dealing with credit institutions, banking legislation, and a European export bank. There will be a painfully thin attendance, and the discretions will be enterined. be discussions will be sustained by a platoon of specialists in community affairs.

Now it is true that Sir Harold

had put down for debate. In short, on the anniversary of four years of EEC membership, Government business managers in

Wilson, Mr Heath and Mr Callaghan, in turn as Prime Ministers, have in turn as Prime Ministers, have kept their pledge to make regular reports to the House on the meetings of Council of Ministers and Heads of Government. A Minister of State from the Foreign Office conscientiously announces the Council's programme for the following month. There are committees in both houses to scrutinize EEC secondary levislation (so called). secondary legislation (so called) although the reports attract little or no political readership. Very occasionally, as today, the committee's reports and warnings lead to a brief debate in the Commons. Yet it is all little better than a facade, a casual gesture in the direction of Europe. Consider Hansard for December 23 starting at column 911. Mr Foot, the anti-Europeanist Leader of the House, was announcing business for the week shead, and for today he reeled off a list of European Commission documents by meaningless reference numbers. He chose a day for the debates, incidentally, when the European Parliament would be assembling in Luxembourg, and most specialists on EEC affairs would certainly be out of the country. More to the point, though, Mr Foot came to the House without knowing what the EEC legislation now brought under question was that he

the two Houses, for all the virtues of our parliamentary system, have yet to find a procedure whereby Westminster may effectually influence Government action flowing out of the Commission over which Mr Jenkins now presides. In more ways than one Europeanism at West-minster is only skin deep. The necessary adjustment to European membership has still to be made. Whatever it may be, it has not the smack of strong European leadership now or for some time.



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worship has taken place in the to emerge.

Muslim community in Britain in the past two or three years,

That renewal of interest in

Islam has coincided with an intellectual and spiritual renais-

sance in Islamic countries in this decade, but it probably owes its origin, at least in part, to the growing self-confidence among British Muslims as they recover from the first cultural shock of immissions in the life.

shock of immigration into a dif-

ferent culture.
The Islamic Council for Europe, which is based in Lon-

don, has emerged in the past

two years as the main centre for

used for prayers.

Forthcoming 1

Mr R. J. Davidson and Dr A. E. Wager

Mr H. E. Hurst and Miss P. Kemp-Jones

Mr R. M. Illingworth and Miss P. A. Sherrard

Mr R. C. R. Mallows and Miss J. M. B. Turcan

Mr G. W. B. Tarabull

Latest wills

and Mrs B. A. Rugge-Price

Bequests to schools

Mrs Nina Ray Benson-Cooke, of

Ferring, .West Sussex, left £65,374 net. After personal bequests of £10,000 and effects she left the residue equally be-tween Berkhampstead School and

Ardingly College, for scholarsmps

Mr R. H. Edwardes Jones and Miss A. P. Whitehouse

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Air Marshal Sir Humphrey and Lady Edwardes Jones of Holive, Sussex, and Annette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Whitehouse, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

and or A. E. Wager

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs A. V. Davidson, of Brabourne. The Grand, Folkestone, and Alison, youngest daughter of the late Profesesor L. R. Wager and Mrs Wager, of 7 Benson Place, Oxford

The engagement is andounced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Hurst, of Amersham, Buckinghamsinre, and Penelope, daughter of Commander F. W. Kemp-Jones, DSO, OBE, RN (Retd), and of Mrs E. M. Kemp-Jones, CBE, of Kingswood, Surrey.

The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Illingworth, of Glebe House, Worplesdon, Surrey, and Priscilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Sherrard, of 56 Palace Gardens Terrace, London, W8.

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. F. R. Mallows, of

Mr and Mrs D. F. R. Mallows, of Newbridge House. North Curry, Somerset, and Johanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. W. Turcan, of Ratho Hall, Ratho, Mid-

The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mr and Mrs J. Turnbull, of Lancaster Gate,

marriages

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK Jamary 9: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Church this moraing. The Archbishop of York preached the sermon. Her Majesty: presented The Queen's Medal for general efficiency at the King Edward VII School, King's Lynn, to Mr Thomas Holland, who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Mr R. D. Greaves, the Headmaster.

The Prince of Wales will attend the National Farmers' Union annual dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, on January 25. Princess Anne, as president of the British Academy of Pilm and Television Arts, and Captain Mark Phillips will attend the premiere of the film, White Rock, in aid of the scademy's endowment fund, at the ABC Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, on January 31.

Birthdays today Sir John Benstead, 80; Air Com-modore Sir Vernon Brown, 88; Mr Sidney Griller, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey. 86; Mr Roy Moore, 69; Admiral Sir Manley Power, 73; Sir Eric Pridie, 81; Sir Gerald Reece, 80.

Today's engagements International Boat Show, Earl's Court, 10-8.30. Lecture: Animal colours, British Museum (Natural History), 3. Lunchtime recital: Melos Quartet of Suttgart, St Johq's, Smith Square, 1.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Harold Corscadden, borough
environmental health officer, of
Kuowsley, Merseyside, to be 1977
chairman of Environmental Health Association's general council.

Mr A. W. Bridges to be chief regional officer of the West Midlands region of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

£50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000 Premium Savings Bond prize, amounced on Saurday, was won by number PK 002750. The winner lives in co Durham.

The 25 £1,000 winners are: S EL 002702 8 L8 400410 12 VK 762124
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Christening

The infant son of Mr John and Lady Romayne Bockstoce was christened John Grimston by the Rev John Downward at St Michael's, St Albans, on Sunday, January 9. The godparents are the Earl of Euston, Viscount Cranborne, Mr Charles Nickerson, Mr Mark Hollingsworth, Mr James Houston, the Duchess of Argyl, Lady Iona Grimston and Mrs Jefferson Patterson.

University news

WORCESTER COLLEGE: D. K. H. Bogg, RA (Camab), Bphil (Oxon), has been elected to an official tulorial followship in economics from Septent-

Cambridge
CHURCHILL COLLEGE: Miss V. M. H.
Owen. Hostmirkross of Malvern Ciris'
College, has been elected to a schoolmistrass follow commonerable for the
Leat term, 1977.

Parliamentary notices

Arongly College, for scholarships.

Mrs Sara Gourlay Spice, of Blockley, Gloucestershire, left 53,628 net. She left E5.000 each to the City of London School, the Girls Public Day School Trust and the National Federation of Women's Institutes to henefit Denman College, Marcham, Abingdon, and the residue equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the National Trust and British Red Cross Society. House of Commons
Today at 2.50; Debate on REC affairs.
Moudan to take note of REC documents
on banding. Moulen un Bread Prices Order:
Tomorrow at 2.30: Covent Garden Martomorrow at 2.30: Covent Garden Martanding. Motion on Social Security
(Contributions, Re-railing) Order.
(Vednesday at 2.30: Debate on an Oppogitton motion.
Thursday at 2.30. Scotland and Wales
Bill, committee sings.
Priday at 11: Private members' motions.
Solact Committees and British Red Cross Society.

Mr Albert Edward Patker, of Amerstam, left £190,994 net. After personal and other bequests he left the residue equally between Dr Barnardo's, the Greater London Fund for the Blind, the Salvation Army, the RNLI, the Royal Masonic Girls School, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and St Mary's Church Restoration Fund, Amersham. Select Committees
Wednesday: Expenditure. Environment subcommittee. Subject: Planning Procedures. Witnesses: The Law Society: Mr Ivor Welker, London Borough of Camden. (Room 3, 4 pm. Expenditure, Trade and Industry subcommittee. Subject: Fabring Industry, (Room 15, 10.18). Select Committees

which to answer critics of its finances.

Public confidence in it can be increased and public ignorance about it reduced only by making its finances and structure better known. The Government has instruments that do that, like the annual review of agriculture. But it has others that do it in more detail with the rest of industry,

of profiteering against farmers

Statistics needed to disprove charges

Restoration Fund, Amerikam,

One of the biggest obstatles to public encouragement of support for agriculture is the belief that farmers are immensely rich even though they complain about being Intensely poor. Public house lokes about farmers who bemoan their poverty even as they self one of their families' three limouselines because the ashtrays are full are as legion as those about mothers in law.

like the Price Commission and the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-ston.

mothers-in-law.

Many influential figures in politics and industry are convinced that more should be spent on domestic agriculture to reduce the vast bill for food imports, which grew last year as sterling weakened. But any initiative towards directing funds to farming is complicated by the deeply held belief that farmers do not need more, and in any case would only complain about the inadequacy of anything they were given. When those two bodies examine parts of the food industry, as they have done with meat and with frozen foods, they never go as far down the production chain as the farm. The farming community never has any impartial evidence with which to disprove general charges of affluence and profiteering.

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A widely welcomed policy decision by the Government last year was its refusal to devalue the "green pound", the device with which EEC farm prices are expressed in steriing, even though such a move was strongly supported by British farmers and the EEC Commission.

As the annual itxing of Community farm prices approaches. British farmers are more isolated than ever. The Government, consumer groups and food processers are united in an exceptional alliance against price rises for farm products in surplus.

The coming price-fixing will be the last before the United Kingdom ends its transitional period of advance towards full participation in the complex machinery of the common agricultural policy. It will also be the last before the Government creates a new pattern of price control for industry. There, perhaps, lies the key, for agriculture has no detailed and convincing statistical evidence with which to answer critics of its finances.

Pubblic confidence in it can be to supplied to the properties of properties. Some of them look down on townspeople as an ignorant and noisy mass of breakers-down of

fences, tramplers of young crops, dumpers of decrepit vehicles and unleashers of unwanted dogs. This is a good year for a change in the presentation of farming finance, since agricultural and industrial policies are in the

tors were examined separately. Such an examination of the financial state of agriculture, based on official figures, univerhandal state of agriculture, based on official figures, university management surveys and profitability figures issued by companies which supply materials to farmers, would at least make available information on which a sensible judgment could be based. Until such information is published the future of British agriculture will be prejudiced by suspicion, much of which is unfounded. Farming is not well understood. Few people outside the countryside appreciate, for example, the wide variation in incomes among farmers or the difference between tenant farmers and landowners.

There is a case for the books of British agriculture to he opened more widely and in a more condinated fashion. There is also a case for the reasons for awards of price rises and grants to farmers to be explained more clearly. That is what Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, wants to do with manufacturing industry this year.

Giggleswick School The Lent Term, beginning today, will be worked by the building of two squash cours to launch the school's third development campaign. Mr G. Wigfield joins the staff to teach metalwork and technical drawing. Countless obstacles stand in the countiess obstacles stand in the way of a detailed reappraisal of the way farming results are presented. One lies in Whitehall, Tales of acrimony between the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Treasury, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection and Issign Wycliffe College

Mr Michael Timpson, Headmaster of the Lower School, Bedford, Is to be Headmaster of Wycliffe College Junior School on the retirement of Mr K. R. Stoker in August, 1977. Consumer Protection are legion. They are encouraged by denials and confirmation from a number of senior sources.

Certainly the ministry would be instantly on the alert if anybody compaigned for the annual farm Christmas party compagned for the annual farm price review and price-fixing to be done. The ministry already depends on Brussels for its instructions about price levels. It would not want to depend on other government departments as well. Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress entertained children
having connexions with the City
and London boroughs at a Christmas party at the Mansion House
on Saturday.

Council unites Muslim religious activities in Britain By Clifford Longley the Government and local custom of local education authorities now have a chance worship has taken place in the to emerge. resentment by Muslim parents, The Islamic Council has in the past two or three years, undertaken the task of studying leading to serious overcrowding in mosques and other buildings lim children. It is in the eduwho do not understand why Islam cannot be taught in school hours, at the public expense

be lost or won for the survival

whole to have adopted an

The Muslim response to that

of ad but classes, either at

London, W2, and Beverly, daughter of Lieut-Colonel and Mrs. L. G. Davidson-Brett, of Newbury, Berk-

Flight Lieutenant N. J. Browning. RAF and Flight Lieutenant C. J. Maude-Roxby, WRAF

Maude-Roxby, WRAF
The engagement is announced between Nizel John, son of the late Mr P. L. Browning, of Weston-super-Mare, and Mrs J. M. Browning, of Hayling Island, and Carolyn, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs P. G. Maude-Roxby, of Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Mr R. A. Garnett-Clarke and Miss C. S. J. Enis The engagement is announced between Richard Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Garnett-Clarke, of Mountway, Potters Bar. Hertfordshire, and Caroline Stephanie Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Ellis, of 2 Oakleigh Park North, Whetstone, N.20, and 97 Harley Street, W1.

The engagement is announced between Raymond Scott Robinson, USN, eldest son of hir and Mrs James H. Robinson, of New York, and Sarah Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Mortimer, of Birkhill, Anthony Road, Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland.

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of the late Major-General G. P. Walsh, CB, CBE, DSO, and of Mrs R. V. A. Walsh, of The Old Rectory, Warmwell, Dorchester, Dorset, and Diana Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Jones, of Ellwood Rise, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

The engagement is announced between Robin, eider son of Captain and Mrs R. C. de Wilde, of Cheltenham, and Particis Teresa, only daughter of Mr G. I. Bearcroft, and the late Mrs K. Bearcroft, and stepdaughter of Mrs G. I. Bearcroft, of Chester.

Mr Henry Roland Hills, of Shankilo, farmer, left £25,794 net. After bequests of £600 he left the residue equally between St Saviour's Church, Shankilo, and All Saints' Church, Newchurch. Miss Margaret Eileen Goodwin, of Clevedon, Avon, left £15,506 net. She left all her property to the Franciscan Friery, Clevedon.

Other estates include (net, before

Wood, Mr. Wilfred Adrian, of Rugeley, chemist ... 5141,723

melting pot. The annual fixing of farm prices depends increasingly on what is decided in Brussels.

Control of industrial prices will change this summer from the operation of a single code for the whole of manufacturing industry to a pattern closer to that of the old National Board for Prices and Incomes, in which individual sectors were examined separately.

Mr A. R. de Wilde and Miss P. T. Bearcroft

Mr R. A. Garnett-Clarke

Mr R. S. Robinson and Miss S. P. Mortimer

alongside Christianity. cational area that the battle will They are not impressed by They are not impressed by the argument, often put to them by officials, that Islam is included in comparative religion courses in secondary schools; one Muslim parem asked whether a devour Christian would be satisfied if his children were given an "impartial" summary of Christianity by an atheist or Muslim teacher.

In soite of considerable local of Islam, for the pressures to-wards assimilation are intense. British schools seem on the inflexible approach to the religious needs of Muslim children, which is perhaps a by-product of the general long-term tendency to downgrade all religious teachings, whether Christian or In spite of considerable local

efforts, the Islamic Council's has been to organize thousands staff believe that only about 10 per cent of Muslim children are. any reason why the religious the coordination of Muslim religious activity in Britain.

The council, which has new offices, near Victoria, has brought together a cross-section of Muslim societies and institutions for the first time, so that a uniformity of outlook and common policies towards

of ad b.c classes, either at weekends or after school hours, during which elementary instruction in Islamic beliefs and practices is given by Muslims.

Often the classes are located in the schools used by the children during the week day, but it appears to be the universal receiving any formal religious education. They estimate that nearly all Muslim families carry out Islamic religious observances to some extent at least, which indicates a general de-mand for Islamic education to be taken seriously by the authorities.

Mount Athos

monasteries

restrict visits

Athens, Jan 9,—The all-male monastic community of Mount Athos is to restrict tourist

visits. The Athens newspaper, Eleftherotypia said today that the decision had been taken by the governing council of 40 abbots of the 20 monasteries on

The council at a recent

meeting said that many tourists did not visit Mount Athos for theological reasons, and decided

to limit their stay to seven days.

People belonging to denominations other than Greek Orthodox should have letters of recommendation from universities or other institutions to

prove that they had a religious

or scientific interest in visiting

the community.

The council also banned the sailing of ships within 500

yards off the coast. It claimed that hitherto women had been

Cranleigh School

The Lent Term began yesterday.
The school numbers 549 (including 29 sixth-form girls) and the senior prefect is Paul Schlesinger.
Mr Michel Marty joins common room from Manchester Grammar School as Head of French. Sir Arnold Weinstock leads a discussion on industry on January 12 and Viscount Watkinson opens the new physics department on March 4. Confirmation by the Bishop of Guildford is on March 5. The school play, Pinter's The Birthday Party, is on March 2, 3, 4 in Speech Hall. The French play. Camus's Caliguia, is on March 8, 9, 10 in the Barn, and the German play, Böll's Dr Murkes gesammeltes Schweigen, on March 17 in the Barn. Bach's St John Passion will be performed in Speech Hall on March 13. Term ends on March 19.

The Lent Term begins today with 390 papils (including 80 girls) at the colloge and 340 pupils (including 56 girls) at the junior school

ing 56 girls) at the junior school in Folkestone. Richard Taylor, of St Martin's House, is head of school, and Beth Purslow, of Belmont House, the first head girl. The house music festival will take place on March 2 and the OD hockey match on March 6. Alan Bennett's Forty Years On, produced by Mr M. E. L. James, will be performed in the refectory on

be performed in the refectory on March 16, 17, 18 and 19. The confirmation service will be con-ducted by the Bishop of Dover on March 20. Half-term is from Feb-ruary 19 to 22, and term ends on March 25.

As the first event of the school's centenary year, the Old Kelleian Club held its annual general meeting and annual dinner at Quaglino's banqueting rooms, London, on Saturday. The guest of honour was Admiral Sir David Williams. Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord. Mr M. Jonghin (Old Kelleian) was also a guest speaker and guests of the club were Captain D. T. Smith and Mr D. G. Fletcher-Rogers, president

were Captain D. T. Smith and Mr D. G. Plettcher-Rogers, president and secretary respectively of the Couway Club; former Kelly headmasters Mr R. V. H. Westall and Mr J. T. Melvin. and former second master, Mr T. L. Stoddard. The Headmaster of Kelly College, Mr D. W. Ball, was in the chair as president of the Old Kelleim Club.

The King's School,

Brighton College

The Lent term begins on January 10. A. M. Wenban and N. S. Lyons will be captains of school. The Archbistop of Canterbury will hold a confirmation for the school in the cathedral on February 19. The term will end on March 24.

Term begins today and Mr P. J. Withers takes over as Housemaster of Durnford House in succession to Mr R. Wolley. R. J. Piper is head of school. The choral society sings Haydn's Harmonicmesse on January 27 and 28. The school play. She Stoops to Conquer. is on March 23, 24 and 25.

The Oratory School

The Lent Term begins today. The school captain is A. W. Bird. Confirmation by the Right Rev. J. F. Cleary will be on February 25. Half-term will be from February 17 to 20. Term ends after the performance of the refer him.

performance of the school play on March 27.

Canterbury

Kelly College

Dover College

landed from ships in

community.—Reuter.

Cranleigh School

the Khalkidhiki peninsula.

It is not easy to estimate how With few Muslims having many Muslims there are in risen to positions of influence Eritain. A conservative guess in public life, the Muslim would be half a million; the community is handicapped in its Islamic Council claims a million. dealings with governments. Whichever is nearer the truth, There are also prejudices and Whichever is nearer the truth, Islam is now the largest non-Christian religion in Britain, as

it is in Europe as a whole.

Faced with a lack of cooperation from local education authorities, many Muslim leaders are becoming increasingly attracted to the idea of establishing a network of Muslim schools where religious teaching would take pride of place alongside an otherwise typically English syllabus. They look to the model of Roman Carholic education in Britain as one to follow.

There does not seem to be education provisions of the 1944 Education Act should not be available to the Muslim community with the substantial grants and subsidies that are available under that and sub-sequent Acts. But the initial obstacles have so far proved insurmountable.

Mr J. R. Gibbs and Miss J. M. C. G. Anley

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Sculthorpe,

Saturday at St Mary's, Sculthorpe, near Fakenham, Norfolk, between Mr Julian Robert Gibbs, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Gibbs, of The Porch House, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Miss Juliet Anley, eldest daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. C. Anley and Mrs-Anley, of Sculthorpe House, Fakenham, Norfolk. The Rev Martin Gibbs and the Rev Richard McLaren took part in the service.

and the Rev Richard McLaren took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle. Mr Roderick Ralli, wore a gown of white organza and a tulle veil held in place by a tiara. Sarah Stewart-Richardson, Lucy Sutcliffe, Harriet Maddand, Henrietta Foster, Eleanor Harrison and Caroline Wilcox attended her. Mr David Barraclough was best mad.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Challoner Club and the hopey-moon is being spent in East Africa.

Mr R. Shepherd
and Mrs I. Stroyan
The marriage took place quietly
in London on January I between
Mr Rodney Shepherd, son of the
late Frank Shepherd and Mrs
Shepherd, of Salisbury, Rhodesia,

and Mrs Isobel Stroyan.

Captain N. Tuck and Miss J. Shaw

Lieutenancy of

Greater London

home of the bride.

Mr P. J. Williams and Miss S. V. Berendt

Marriages

With few Muslims having misunderstanding to be overcome, such as the argument that Islamic education should be financed by Arab oil. That, it is

pointed our, is like suggesting that the Irish government should pay for all Roman Catholic education in Britain. On the Muslim side, too, familiarity with British laws and customs has not grown to the point where Muslim leaders fully understand the way this society operates, which sometimes leads to rebuffs, interpreted as slights although not intended as such.

The report of a commission on the difficulties of Islamic education in Britain is expected to be presented to the Islamic Council in the next few months. A national policy will be worked out after discussions with the Government, teachers' organizations and others.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

@EAR-ADMIRAL: J H. F. Eberie, to

to be Chief of Ficel Support in Archi

CAPTAINS, A. K. Hati, St. UTAN lor

enty with Fiag Officer Admiralty in
terview Board, Jan 4, W. R. H. Page,

MOD as Head of Branch C Mat Co-ord

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OM MANDESS: O. A. Plumer. NELSON for Staff of CINCNAVHOME.
Jan 10: G. W. Tuttis, MCD with DN
Plans, April 20: J. E. Highton, ROOKE
as Car Refit Gry and Staff Engr Offi
ME: to FO Chireltor, May 6: J. R.
Furse, MOD with DG Shipe, April 26.

The Army
BRICADIERS: J. A. M. Macconnid
to be Commandat. COD Chitwell, Jan
10. G. D. J. R. Russell to be DBM; A.
MOD, Jan 15: Coj R. M. Malen to be
CREET. HO 1. DR Comps. Jan 15:
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Mr P. J. Williams and Miss S. V. Berendt
The marriage took place on Saturday at St James's, Spanish Place, between Mr Paul Joseph Williams, Eel Pic Island, Twickenham, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs E. F. Williams, formerly of Liverpool, and Miss Susan Veneda Berendt, daughter of Mr F. E. and Lady Frances Berendt, of 34 The Marlowes, London, N.W.S. Father M. E. Corbould, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of parchment-coloured crepe with a short train. Her Brussels lace vell, lent by her grandfather, the Eart of Harrowby, was held in place by a diamond tiara lent by her uncle, Viscount Sandon. She carried a posy of freesias, lilies-of-the-valley and hyacinths. Sarah and Rachel Miller and Valerie Walker attended her. Mr Jonathau Dagnall was best man.

A reception was held at the Challoner Club and the honeymoon is being spent in East Royal Air Force
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From The Times of Wednesday, January 9, 1952 Atomic security

and Miss J. Shaw
The marriage took place on Saturday. January 8, at St. Edward's Church, Sutton Park, between Captain Nicholas Tuck, the Royal Hussars (PWO), and Miss Jane Shaw. Canon Gordon Albion officiated, assisted by Father John Stapleton.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by eight children. Mr Christopher Oldham was best man. A reception was held at Sutton Place. The announcement on Monday that special action is to be taken to ensure that workers in posses-sion of secrets connected with the sion of secrets commercial with the defence programme and particularly with atomic research are politically dependable, but that present safeguards for fairness are to be maintained, may be taken to mean that Mr Churchill will use the meditiner introduced by Mr. mean that Mr Churchill will use the machinery introduced by Mr Attlee in March, 1948, with more rigour but with no less determination. Some failures, most notably the case of Dr Fuchs, who was convicted for betraying secrets two years after Mr Attlee's vigil on the Civil Service began, had shown the need for stricter precautions. These powers have so far been used sparingly. So long as the principles governing their use continue to be observed the country must trust the government of the day with the execution of a policy which is as necessary to its defence as it is distasteful to its tradition. Greater London:
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Science report

Genetics: Progress in engineering

Biologists at California University have developed an ingedious technique that may bring the new technology of genetic engineering another step closer to practical application. The advance, reported by Dr B. Polisky, Dr R. Bishop and Dr D. Gelfand, may overcome one of the most serious obstacles to genetic engineering, in which foreign genes are transplanted into bacteria, which act as microbial factories for their products.

The difficulty is that the genes which it would be most useful for example, insulin genes to the hacteria to work on (for example, insulin genes) come from animal cells and may not be recognized by the bacterial machinery. Dr Polisky and his collegues, however, have found a way of linking animal genes to hacterial "switches" which provide the "on" signal for the hacterial machinery.

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hacterial machinery.

Genetic engineering began to look like a practical possibility three or four years agu, when niologists found they could transplant animal and plant genes into bacteria by grafting, them into plasmids, tiny extraneous circles of genetic material (DNA) which many bacteria carry as well as the complete genetic hlueprint contained in their chromosome.

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Although the genes can be inserted into the bacteria and reproduced each time the bacterium divides, it has not always been possible to make the hacterium translate the foreign gene into its working product. That has led to several attempts to hitch the inserted genes to bacterial switches in the hope of promoting protein production from the gene. That has been successfully tested with bacterial genes hitched to powerful switches taken from a bacterial tirus.

The first stage in reading the genetic blueprint is to transform the DNA into RNA, which is there

and its associated switches—the lac gene which the bacterium switches on when presented with the sugar lactose as a food source. That gene has been intensively studied by molecular biologists for many years and its behaviour is now well understood.

The final plasmid was specially constructed so that the animal genes could be inserted only inmediately adjacent to the lac DNA, where it was hoped they would come under its control. That proved to be the case. DNA from the frog, Nenopus, was inserted into the site and the final plasmid was put back into the bacterium E coli. When the lac gene was switched on hy providing the bacterium with lactuse, it produced loc RNA and comparatively large amounts of Xenopus RNA.

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There were indications that the Kenopus RNA, still attached to the loc RNA, might also be transthe loc RNA, might also be translated along with the loc RNA. But in that case, because the start and stop signals on the animal DNA would not be recognized, the product would simply be nonsense. The task is now to hitch up the animal DNA in such a way that the readthrough produces sensible RNA and functional proteins. By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Proceedings of the Rational Academy of Sciences (December) 73, 3900, 1976.

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OBITUARY

MR HARRY WHEATCROFT

A renowned rose grower

Mr Harry Wheateroft, who died on January8 at the uge of 78, was a rose grower of worldride renowo.

Even in the horticultural world, where, in the past eccentrics and colourful characters have abounded, there has been nobody as internationally famous as Harry Wheateroft. At flower shows at home, and in many countries abroad, his stal-wart figure, his shaggy head of wart figure, his shaggy head of hair and side-whiskers, and his flamboyantly colourful attire, were a familiar sight for over half a century. His personality, and the undoubted quality of the roses he sold, built up for him and his late brother, Alfred, a highly prosperous business.

Born in 1898, the second son of a Nottingham builder, Harry started his travels early. At the started his travels early. At the age of 10 he was taken by his mother to visit her relations in the United States. Four years later he was sent for a year to relations in France, to learn the language, and seemed destined

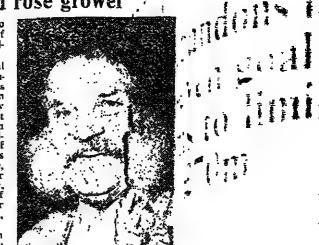
for a career in the lace industry. However, during the First World War he registered as a Conscientious Objector, but his application was refused and as he refused to put on a uniform when called up, he was courtwhen carled up, the was county marrialled and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. While in prison he became ill and was finally released. It was feared that he might develop tubercu-losis, and therefore his family decided that he should find work in the open air.

His brother Alfred who, even as a schoolboy, had developed a passion for growing roses, was apprenticed to a Nottingham-shire firm of durserymen, and he and Harry decided to go into business together. The decision, strangely enough, was influenced by a clairvoyant's pre-diction many years before that he would make a name for himself with roses.

The early years of the part-nership were a hard struggle to keep going, but gradually the two brothers, sided enormously by their respective wives, created a flourishing business.

Harry had an undoubted flair for recognizing outstanding new roses, which he then marketed with considerable acumen. His brother concerned himself with the production side of the business, while Harry became the salesman par excellence. His knowledge of French belped him enormously to establish a rapport with such outstanding rose breeders as Jean Gaujard and Francis Meilland, and he became an enthusiastic member of Universal Rose Selection.

This was an organization of rose growers set up to take advantage of the plant patent system which was already operating in certain European countries, and in the United States. It has only recently been adopted in Britain, and Harry's unsuccessful effort in the law court to obtain a copy. Averill. They had three sor right in rose variety names un- and two daughters.



doubtedly heped to bring abouthe passing of the Plar Breeders' Rights legislation. With his world wide contact he was in a strong position 1 introduce the most outstandin roses to Britain. Right fro 1927, when he introduced "Pri cess Elizabeth", a sport from "Queen Alexandra" the appeared in his own nurser the Wheatcroft Brothers pr duced a steady stream of ne varieties..." Christopher Stone "Water Bentley", and mar more.

Then just rafter the wa "Peace" followed by "Quee Elizabeth", "Eden Rose "Grand'mere Jenny", "ka Herbst", "Fragrant Cloud", the list contains many of the world's finest roses—and on recently "Duke of Windsor". Several years ago, Harry le the firm of Wheateroft Brother intending to take life more easily and travel. But he joint his two sons, David and Christ pher, who had set up their ov business, and thus continued play his important role in the rose world.

He was always generous to good cause, and one of his be was to organize a rose garde at Lidice, the scene of the massacre in 1942. Harn arranged for over 7,000 ros from British growers to be seto Lidice-another 10,000 we given from other countries. No other nurseryman has he his portrait hung in the Roy. Academy, appeared in This Your Life, and been brackets with Hardy Amies, the Duke Kent, and Stirling Moss as or of the seven best dressed me of the year. He was always little larger than life, and h happy contribution to it h greatly enriched the world o horticulture. He publishe several books, My Life wi Roses (1959); In Praise Roses (1970); How to Gro Better Roses (1974); and Ti Root of the Matter (1974).

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ADMIRAL SIR DERIC HOLLAND-MARTIN

Admiral Sir Deric HollandMartin, GCB, DSO, DSC, a former Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces

He graduated at the Imperial ary 6 at the age of 70. He had subsequently became Director been Lord Lieutenant of Here- of Plans on the Admiralty Naval ford and Worcester since February last year.

Born in April, 1906, the son of R. M. Holland-Martin, CB, he was educated at the Royal Naval Colleges of Osborne and Dartmouth. He was a Midshipman in HMS Iron Duke from 1924 to 1927 and Sub-Lieutenant in HMY Victoria and Albert in the following year. He was in HMS Effingham from 1929 to 1931, returning to Dartmouth for the years 1931 to 1933.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he was a lieuten-ant-commander, and he was awarded the DSC early in 1940 while serving in the destroyer Tartar in operations in the North Sea. He later took command, in turn, of the destroyers Holderness and Nubian, having been promoted in December, 1940.

While serving in the Mediterranean in HMS Nubian he won his DSO in July, 1943, for "skilful leadership and enterprise in a successful action against enemy shipping". Ten months later he received a Bar to his DSC "for outstanding courage, resolution, leadership, skill and resolution, leadership, skill and devotion to duty in operations which led to the successful land-ings on the Italian mainland at Salerno

As a Commander he was on As a Commander he was on the staff of the Commander in-Chief, Portsmouth, in the autumn of 1944 and in December went to HMS Faulknor. With the acting rank of captain, he was appointed Deputy Naval Assistant to the Second Naval Assistant and in 1947 he became Naval Attaché ar

Defence College in 1951 and Staff. In 1953 he took com-mand of HMS Eagle. Then in July, 1955, on promotion to Rear Admiral, he became Flag

College from 1964 to 1966, is which year he retired. It was in 1966, too, that he became: Trustee of the Imperial Wa Museum of which he was Vice President and Chairman in the following year.

MR ALEKSEI MUSATOV

A graduate of the scenario

department of the State Film Institute, Musatov wrote over 30 novels and short stories, as well as essays, beginning with The Girl from Shanghai (1930) that depicted the trials of a peasant lad. Life on the collective farm and the role of the young in constructive labour were the main themes of all his writings. The Precious Grain,

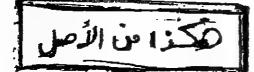
Canon Hugh Smith, OBE, who hod been chaplain to several British prisons including Leeds, Parkhurst. Wandsworth and Wormwood Scrubs, and was finally chaplain-general, has died at the age of 30. He had attended many of those executed during his long service including William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw") who was hanged for treason. Canon Smith was a Canon Emeritus of Canter-Canon Hugh Smith, OEE, who a Canon Emeritus of Canter-

Mr Aleksei Musatov, Russian author of children's books, has short story and won the USS died in Moscow, at the age of by him for the stage and has a story and won the USS. State Prize in 1949, was by him for the stage and he been a successful feature of the repertoire of children's theatrn ever since.

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His wartime experiences as fighting man and a partist are reflected in several book written in the 1950s. In the 1960s Musatov returned to he favourite topic, the farm. Mar of his books have appeared it translation. Musatov became member of the Communi Party in 1952.

and was a Deputy Lieutenal for Glamorgan in 1946.



Officer (Florillas) Medicar-raneso. He was Flag Officer Support Forces during the operations in the Eastern Mediterranean in 1956. He was appointed Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel in 1957 and from 1957 until 1955 was Second Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Personnel. He was Flag Officer Air (Home) in 1960-61 and Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and C-in-C Allier Forces Mediterranean from 1961 to 1964. He was Comman dant of the Imperial Defence

following year. In 1968 he was chairman o

the Committee of Enquiry int Trawler Safety which recom mended an experimental sur-port ship to provide weathe reports and medical care fo deep sea trawlermen. He was chairman of the Severn Regio National Trust in 1967, and wa a member of the White Fis Authority and Herring Industr Board in 1969. He was a Deput Lieutenant in 1968 and Vic Lieutenant in 1973, (Worcester, before become Lieutenant of Hereford an

Worcester last year.

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GCB in 1974. He married, i

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THETIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

A diplomatic touch for the men of FO, page 16

BSC abandons its break-even goal but aims to limit loss to £70m

duction, and the cutbacks are expected to be introduced

Over the past three months

about 430,000 tonnes, but divi-sional managements are work-

ing out the scale of the reduc-

tion, which is expected to amount to about 15.000 tonnes a week. Some of this will be

achieved by eliminating over-time, but no layoffs are ex-

Under the EEC's so-called

Simonet apti-crisis plan for steel, BSC and seven leading

being asked to curb voluntarily their deliveries of several im-

portant steel products to the European market. Overall the

tonnage involved amounts to a

crude steel production level for

the first four months of this year of some 6.3 million tonnes.

fared less well than the United Kingdom industry, and cuts are

more severs there. BSC, however, is building up its stocks both through its £50m govern-

ment-financed counter-cyclical stockpile of semi-finished steel

—designed to enable it to take advantage of an upturn—and through stocks of finished steel

The corporation expects to have used the whole £50m by the end of March—over 250,000 tonnes—and is planning to ex-tend its finished products stocks

At the same time commercial

executives are engaged in a

campaign to achieve a substan-

tial increase in exports to third

Recently, aided by the devaluation of sterling, the corporation has shipped 600 tonnes of high-value engineering steels to Japan, and for the first time

countries.

British Steel Corporation has mainly among the older high-abandoned its objective of cost steelmaking plants. breaking even this year.

With market conditions it has been steadily improving deteriorating the state steel production to a weekly level of undertaking is preparing to about 430,000 tonnes, but divitrim its production in the final three months of the financial year which ends in March, although the hope is that losses can be kept to below £70m.

Last year BSC recorded a post-tay loss of £755m and \$150. post-tax loss of £255m, and Sir man, who took over from Sir Monty Finniston in September, had boped that the corporation would have achieved a breakeven position and possibly Francis C. made a small profit this year. list contain. The Over the first six months the rily Duke will be substantially from the previous wear, and reduce the loss to rm of when the fall over the half year, after rm of Whencron Bo charging interest of £75m and

ding to the exchange losses of £19m. Since then it has been imne most of the production prob-lems faced in the early part to of the year.

Until the end of November it had been operating at around the break-even point, but an output of 23 million tonnes of crude steel would now be required for the corporation to

Production seems likely to be about 21 million tonnes, and there is little prospect of market demand improving signifi-cantly until the final quarter

A loss of around £70m appears in prospect although hopeful that the eventual result will be a loss of between F70m and £60m. The feeling is that the break-even chiective achieved implementing severe cutbacks on maintenance and other work. but the corporation believes it is more important to he in a strong position to exploit the

Against the background of sion of its sales to the North worsening market conditions, American market over the next

forecasts 'significant profits'

Sir William Ryland, chairman of the Post Office, said yesterday that there would be a "significant" increase in the corporation's profits this year. But Sir William, who was replying to an assertion by Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, that phone profits alone this year would total around £400m, declined to be drawn into specifying any

Post Office

Speaking on BBC Radio's The World This Weekend Sir William said it was too early to give definite figures, but profits would be significantly better than those for 1975-76.

In 1975-76 the corporation made a profit of £147.9m; tele-communications achieved a total of £154.7m and Giro, remittance services and data processing all made small contributions. But posts lost £9.2m during the year. Sir William said yesterday: "Only a short time ago we were being criticized for being inef ficient and making losses. We recognize that we need to invest in this country, and we have to find the money from our own resources.

In spite of Sir William's caution, there have been indi-cations for some months that the corporation would make what by the standards of the lost few years is a remarkably high profit. By the end of the financial year it appears probable that the overall profit of the corporation will be between £350m and £400m, the Jion's share being brought in from telephones.

Posts are expected to break even or possibly make a small loss, while Giro and the other services will again contribute a small profit.

A large profit by the corporation will go a long way to helping it meet the new financial targets the Government has imposed. The telecommunications division must earn for the three years 1976-77 to 1978-79 a real rate of return of 6 per

in three years has won an order from the Soviet Union for a shipment of 30,000 tonnes of Reaction to a high profit from the corporation is certain to be sheet, with the prospect of fol-There is relief that the low-on orders.
It is also looking for expan-Post Office is now back to profitability after a series of disastrous years, but critics sug gest that the size of the profit

New approach on worker-directors

Deep divisions within the Bullock

Enabling legislation for more flexible approach in encouraging the introduction of workers' democracy throughout British industry may be forced on the Government. This means rejecting the majority view of Lord Bullock's Committee of Inquiry into Industrial Demo-cracy that union-elected employee directors should share unitary beardroom power with quota of independent directors.

Ministers are apparently deeply disturbed by the vehemence of the opposition which industrialists have privately pladed about 10 per placed by the property of the placed of the property of the placed of the place vately pledged ahead of publication of the full Bullock report later this month.

The Confederation of British Industry and the British Insti-tute of Management, and a host of other representative organizations, are about to launch a potentially divisive campaign of "unremitting apposition" to any Government-imposed form of industrial democracy.

Opinion within Whitehall, where a separate study has been in progress on bow to promote employee-participation in the state-owned industries and public services, has swung towards introducing only some form of background legislation that stimulates experiments, and recognizes the need for tailoring participation to individual corporate situations.

This recognizes the deep divisions within the Bullock Committee as well as the varying responses obtained in the Government's own consultations in the public sector.

Just how deeply split is the Bullock Committee, which gives a majority recommendation for single-tier boards based on the 2x+y formula, is indicated by the strength of the minority views of its industrialist members. These come from Mr Jack Callard, the ex-ICI chairman who now heads British Home Stores, Mr Barrie Heath, chairman of GKN, and Mr Norman Biggs, the former Esso and Wiliams & Glyo's Bank chairman.

They claim that most of inoustry, middle management, and even some powerful trade unions do not want the appointment of worker directors as proposed by the union representatives and academics represeated on the committee.

Of this combination of interests, their minority report

By Our Industrial Staff

Excise.

Just over 20 per cent of exports are invoiced in foreign

currencies, according to an analysis of commercial invoices

lodged with the Customs and

The analysis, documented in

the latest issue of Trade and

Industry, covered selected export shipments in April,

export shipments in April, 1976. From a sample of some 2,700 invoices it emerged that

the overall figure was made up of 12 per cent of the invoices

in the importing country's own

currency and 8 per cent in

There were few examples of invoicing in foreign currencies

in foreign currencies

Committee and among industrial leaders may force legislation designed to tailor participation to individual corporate situations

directors in principle, rather the objection is aimed at the appointment of single-tier boards, which now served as the

apex of skilled executive

The dilution of management

expertise, the confusion of objectives and the risk of a

blocking vote emerging from

the formula proposed in the majority report seem a sure

recipe for a decline in man-agerial leadership as well as

If the Government were to

management boards) had a sub

management.

says starkly; "It would be exceedingly unwise for the nation to disregard their practical realism and accept the theories of those who see this debate as a means of changing the struca means or changing the struc-ture of society in this country and who would seek to bring the boards of the private sector under trade union control." Scant account, they argue, has been taken by their Fullock collengues, of the realities of

British industry, ledustry had a fragmented union movement, and a large sector of the work-The unions believed deeply in collective bargaining and were divided about all the problems involved in power-sharing with-in private industry.

The minority report's strong est words are reserved for the proposal that worker democracy has to be effected only through

One of the great strengths of political democracy, they de-clare, is that every citizen has equal rights and no one need belong to either a party or an organization to exercise their

rights.
"It would make a mockery of democracy as we know it to limit the rights of employees in any system of industrial democracy to those who have opted for collective representation through a trade union", they

that unions have nothing to fear from other systems of repre-sentation for employees, whether union-organized or not Strong unions with united membership could surely not four a procedure embracing non-union representatives. Intriguingly, the minority report is not opposed to worker

other than dollars or those of

the importing countries.

The journal says that it seems likely that the overall

proportion of foreign currency invoicing had been rising rel-

ative to its traditional level-

earlier, limited work had suggested a proportion of 10 to 15

per cent—and suggests that the decline in the sterling exchange rate since the spring may have led to a further in-

crease in the proportion.
The Confederation of British

Industry is organizing a

seminar next month to explain to businessmen the choice of currencies available for export

secret ballots by employees in resolving how employee representation systems should be introduced. Employee nominees on a supervisory board should constitute less than half the membership. All employees, and not just union members, should be concerned in any elections to either Employee Councils or the subsequently established Supervisory Eoards.

Both Sir Jack Callard and Mr

Norman Biggs are proposing to Bullock majority views at a special conference being called on January 28 by the British Institute of Management. The BIM, for its part, does not believe the Government is right to propose legislation on

industrial democracy. Mr Roy Close, the BIM's director general, comments: "To judge from everything we hear about a majority report, a minority report, and a dismember majority, it is clear that views on this important question remain sharply divided".

This, he adds, reinforced the need for a flexible approach to employee-participation to meet the particular circumstances and needs of companies. The original terms of reference for the Bullock team were heavily biased in the first place.

insist on putting workers on boards, then the German model might be embraced. There, the The Government should pay two-tier system in large com-panies (with supervisory and due regard to the meets and circumstances of different industries by pursuing a industries by pursuing a flexible approach, allowing a structure of employee councils. Supervisory boards in Britain, they suggest, could consist settling in period for participa-tive systems that can be of one-third employee-elected negotiated to reflect individual

members, one-third share-holders, and one-third inde-pendents. The independents The CBI view is that industry must get on with its own work on participation in its own way "without the threat of ill-conceived legislation". Lord would be appointed by em-ployee and shareholder directors acting together (on a two-thirds majority vote). They see the supervisory board directors being drawn

Watkinson, the president, claims that to enforce board membership by delegates from from all employees, including nominees of shop floor, white collur staff and middle managethe shop floor and, even worse, trade union nominees from outside companies was to stand While this seems a considerthe whole system of participa-tion on its head.

able concession, the industria-lists on the Bullock Committee He has told CBI members who are anxious about the Bullock report: "You will be shocked, alarmed, and augered when you see it". The Government is proposing

go on to say the concept of supervisory boards should be introduced to companies only where there had been a repreto make a statement when the minimum of three years and Bullock report is released. At where there was an overwhelming ballot by employees for workers on boards.

They say there must be "no compromise" on the idea of industries.

More exports now charged Brazil and Colombia seek

Bogota, Jan 9.—Brazil and Colombia, two of the world's biggest coffee producers, are calling for a special session of the International Coffee Council to look into ways of stabiliz-Colombian government spokes-

sentative Employees Council for

man said yesterday. He said the agreement was reached in an exchange of messages in the last few days be-tween Colombian President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen and Brazilian President Ernesto

The text of the exchanges, initiated by President Lopez on Monday, were released here to-

accord on coffee prices In his message to President Geisel, Senor Lopez said bemany countries over rising coffee prices it was essential to "find a satisfactory joint solution to the problem.".

President Geisel replied that

he agreed on the need to guarantee the tranquillity of the coffee market", but he did not think the problem could be solved by producer countries

The Bruzilian leader said the best solution would be to convene a special session of the council. No date was mentioned for the proposed special session.

Beleaguered cities look to Mr Carter for relief

Many of America's biggest, cities are still in desperate. financial difficulties, with pro-. blems too great to solve by themselves.

Detroit announced last week that it was almost bankrupt, and Mayor Beame of New York is to try to raise local taxes again and make further spending cuts to reduce the city's next budget deficit of at least \$585m (£344m),

The city was rescued from the brink of financial disaster. just over a year ago. It has: stumbled forward, but the, threat of a new crisis is ever present.

Acute financial problems in cities could undermine the slowly rising level of confidence in the nation's economic prospects and the efforts being made in Washington to strengthen the economy.

Many of the biggert cities in north-eastern United States have imposed tax levels so high that employers have moved elsewhere.

They confront huge and growing social welfare bills, with New York City in a particularly poor situation, as a Federal Reserve Bank report notes. It states that the city's social

welfare expenditures are 14 times what they were 20 years ago. The number of young and old people in the city has half the residents are of work-

The number of people need ing public assistance has grown, since 1981 from 339,000 to 598,000, and manufacturing employment in the city is 55 per cent of the level of two decades-

Mr Beame and other mayors are doing all they can to balance their budgets but are stripping their cities of their attractiveness and vitality as a

dent-elect Carter will come to the rescue. He is likely to help, and has suggested that he recognizes the real problems. and, more important, that he is aware of how these problems can weaken the country as a

Swift action is needed to avoid new crises. It can take several forms, most notably a fare, involving much greater direct federal Government payments.

In addition, the Government could assume a greater share of the education, hospital, roads and public transportation costs

But financing such schemes will generate budget difficulties, and because of this it is no exaggeration to say that financial problems of many of the great American cities rank among the most important mat-ters Mr Carter will have to deal with when he takes over the Presidency on January 20. Frank Vogl

Crucial talks on sterling balances

By Peter Norman

Leading Western central bankers meet in Basie today for what should prove to be the crucial meeting to solve the problem of Britain's overseas sterling balances.

The question was discussed by the bankers at their session in Basic last month and later by a group of experts in Paris before Christmas. As a result of these discussions it is expected that the central bankers from the Group of Ten richest industrial nations and Switzerland will be asked to approve a "safety net" for

This would probably consist of a stand-by credit organized through the Bank for Inter-national Settlements in Basis, on which the Bank of England could draw to cover with-drawals of foreign held sterling from London. In Europe, at least the alternative of a "funding " of the sterling balances is regarded as a very unlikely outcome to this month's meeting. One leading European central banker, who has been closely

Economics Correspondent

United States government

for an agreement being reached

in Basle tomorrow on the

problem of sterling balances

However, sources here, unlike

the European experts, believe

operation is being considered.

that some sort of "funding"

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told me that he felt today's meeting could reach approximate agreement and that a final settlement might he reached in Basie later.

However, an official silence from Basie this week would not

necessarily indicate that the talks had broken down.

The British Government wants a solution to the problem

of the sterling balances because it believes that the pound's weakness last autumn was exacerbated by the rapid decline in sterling assets held in London by official overseas Akthough European central

banks, at least, have tended to think that the balances problem was more a symptom than a root cause of the pound's troubles, there has been a remarkable willingness to help Britain set up a safety net, led by the West German, Swiss and

Dutch central banks.

These three, with the United States and Japan, can be expected to shoulder the main financial burden of the opera-

medium to long-term security

American sources also think

If a standby credit plan were offered, the BIS would obtain

special facilities to support its

scheme from primarily the

Federal Reserve system here and other central banks.

Dr Arthur Burns, the chairman

of the Fed, who left here for

It is thought likely here that

ing an opportunity to convert the meeting to offer substan-part of their holdings into a tial credit lines to the BIS to

problems.

US ready to consider funding operation

there has been no firm decisions yet on the amount of money involved in setting up a safety net, it seems that the central bankers are largely agreed on the outlines of a scheme.

As in 1968, when there was an earlier move to defuse the effect of the sterling balances on the exchange rate of the pound, the Bank for International Settlements would set up a standby credit for the Bank of England which would be guaranteed by the other central banks of the Group of Ten and Switzerland.
In today's circumstances, the

standby would be at least \$2,000m (about £1,200m) covering about half the outstanding sterling balances held by official bodies abroad.

However, unlike the 1968 package, there would be no individual deals between the Eank of England and foreign official holders of sterling to ensure that they kept part of their reserves in London, because the sterling area has now effectively disappeared.

resolve the sterling balances

The United States Treasury

has actively been involved in

negotiations over recent weeks

on this matter. However, it is

thought here that the Treasury

will not participate with funds in the BIS agreements, and

that the Fed will alone repre-

tion of the Fed's swap facili-

ties it is thought possible that

the international agreements

could be formulated without

By this means and by utiliza-

sent the United States.

Congressional approval.

'No pay code breach' by C&W board

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said yester-day there could be no breach of the Government's pay policy in his examination of salaries five executive directors of state-owned Cable and

Wireless company.
It was revealed in The Times on Friday that the five protesting directors had agreed to reelection to the board "pending consideration of certain proposals".

Salaries of the directors

four are paid £10,330 and one 512,830 a year) had to be looked at in the context of the pay of nationalized industry board members as a whole, Mr Varley explained. He has yet to discuss the still secret pay proposals put forward by Cable and Wire-less's chairman, Mr Ted Short,

De Beers looks to record profit

Record diamond sales for 1976 of about \$1,500m (about £883m) are due to be reported this week by the Central Selling Organization, which is the marketing arm of De Beers.
The record sales could boost the pre-tax profits of De Beers by some 80 per cent to about 520m rand (about £350m). Mining, page 19

Iran buys Land-Rovers British Leyland will increase its assembly of Land-Rovers in Iran by more than 50 per cent this year. Leyland International announced today that its dis-tributors in Iran-Morratab Industries — had confirmed orders for 6,000 Land-Rovers valued at £14m.

\$1.60 pound predicted Stockbrokers Phillips & Drew predict that sterling will fall to \$1.50 by the middle of the year, as the pound is allowed to drift downwards to counter higher inflation. However North Sea oil will pull Britain through if

Mr Blumenthal says Carter measures may help trading partners

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Mr Blumenthal stressed in a television interview today that the Carter Administration fully recognized the degree to which the United States lives in an economically inter-related economically inter-related world, and that the Administration will be determined to "do its very best " to coordinate and cooperate with foreign countries in economic affairs.

He noted that the precise numbers involved in the new reflationary programme had still to be finalized. The \$30,000m two-year programme already announced should be seen as just a first step, he said, "and only a first step" towards strengthening the economy, increasing business confidence and creating incentives to investment.

The future Treasury Secretary considered that without this programme it was unlikely that unemployment this year would fall below 7 to 7.5 per cent from the current level of The new programme should

reduce the jobless rate by about 1 per cent and so, with luck, take it close to 6.5 per cent by the end of the year. In addition, and more important, he said the programme would unemployment in 1978.

the Administration's plans to reshape the American tax

Tax reform, involving some fundamental changes in tax rates and a simplification of the tax code, is one of Mr Carter's chief priorities, he pointed out. Working out major reform proposals was highly complica-

ted and would take some time. However, he suggested that the Administration should be able to offer its proposals to the Congress some time this year, so that they could come into effect in 1978. The Carter Administration

to offer the business community a more secure economic environment that would forcefully contribute to the development of a "more vibrant and growing economy". He added that should the new package of measures prove to be insufficient, he felt certain that Mr Carter would not hesitate to call for additional measures.

Mr Blumenthal said he was not concerned right now about America's growing balance of trade deficit, as this was largely the product of the United States enjoying faster economic growth now than that being seen in most of its chief trading partner countries.

He was hopeful that those foreign countries would be able to achieve faster growth rates and be encouraged by the leadership being given now with the new reflationary measures Mr Carter had outlined .

Finally, Mr Blumenthal did not see any real danger of sharply rising inflation here this year. The new administration nas been careful and prudent in designing the new reflationany package to ensure that it did not have the effect of un-

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officials here also suggested at that any special credit arrangement weekend that the chances ment might be promoted through a BIS bond floration.

This would involve giving Europe last Thursday and who

official foreign holders of sterl- is now in Basle, is prepared at

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	Turnover	12,150,591	12,123,000
	Direct exports	3,991,894	3,625,700
	Profit before tax	1,653,957	978,600
	Profit after tax	775,883	452,540
-	Dividends	111,216	101,136
	-	(23.17%)	(21.07%)
	Earnings per share	20,2p.	11.8p
	Retained trading profits	664,667	351,404
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Lending rate 14 pc

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The Bank of England's mini-mum lending rate is reduced by one quarter percentage point this week to 14 per cent. The following are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender: Applications 211.123.74m Allotted 2300m Bids at £96.68% Received 3%. Prev. week 20%.63% Received 20% Prev. week 513.2686% Next Friday 1.500m Repicte 2400m

From Frank Vogl

Mr Michael Blumenthal, the system. American Treasury Secretarydesignate, stated today that he hopes the new package of reflationary measure proposed by would be coordinated with actions taken by America's chief trading partners to strengthen their own domestic economies.

ensure a further reduction of Mr Blumenthal said the programme involved some moderate tax cuts which should be viewed as only the start of

Fresh light on air

A diplomatic touch for the men at the Foreign Office

The public service tends to be regarded as fair game for criticism. But relatively few or the people who enjoy this past-time appear to have any detailed understanding of how the service works, or how, specifically, it could be improved.

One sector of the public service which is likely to be in the news before long is the Diplomatic Service. For the past 12 months it has had the benefit of being examined by the Central Policy Review Staff the "Think Tank"), a task which was due to be completed bout now, though it is not lear how much of the Think lank's report will be made

But how does one most effectively manage an organization like the Diplomatic Service which has 58 departments the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, and nearly 220 establishments of various shapes and sizes throughout the

Such a degree of dispersal is of itself enough to create substantial management problems. But to these must be added problems created by the abstract nature of the work. How does one, for example, measure the efficiency of the political reporting from Washington? And how is that to be assessed against the work of

another mission elsewhere which may be mainly concerned with promoting overseas trade, or deterring the nationalization of British assets or, perhaps, just keeping an another the trade. eve on the use made of British aid?

The problem is a difficult normally know some mooths in that the Spanish and German one which has to be tackled advance when the inspectors language cassettes should be reprome a number of directions, are to arrive.

The inspectors will discuss trivialities. one which has to be tackled from a number of directions, and one strand in the FCO's monitoring and control of its operations is through the Diplomatic Service Inspectorate, which describes itself as "in-house consultants".

The inspectorate consists of 35 people from within the diplomatic service. They in-clude five teams, each of three people, who tour the embassies and other overseas establishments. There are also two people permanently involved in inspecting the departments of the FCO in London.

The role of the inspectorate is defined as being to carry out a continuous review of the operations of the Diplomatic Service both at home and abroad, to ensure that its resources are being used efficiently and for the right

What this means is that every establishment abroad and every department at home is subjected to a detailed examination roughly every three years.

The members of the overseas teams, who stay in the inspec-torate for about two years, before resuming their normal careers in diplomacy, make three tours a year, each of about 11 weeks, with periods for

between. The inspections appear have the tone of a cooperative examination between the inspectors and the staff of the mission, rather than an intimidating exposure of fault by stern interrogators. A station will

de-briefing and briefing in

are to arrive.

The inspectors will discuss their tentative conclusions as they are being formulated, with the staff of the mission concerned and this concerned and this can lead to a modification of views on both sides, so that the lengthy report finally made by the inspectors will usually contain a lot of material on which agreement has already been achieved.

The finance department has its own internal audit system, and although the inspectorate's search for efficiency in the missions clearly has financial implications, cash saving does not appear to be a key purpose. Rather the main objective appears to be to achieve "fitess for purpose ". Thus, among the first tasks of

the inspectors when being briefed in London and on arrival at a mission will be to assess what are the main British interests and the essential pur-pose of the mission, and it will be against those purposes that the adequacy of the resources and the use made of them will be assessed.
The inspectors' reports tend

to be characterized by great attention to detail. For example, they could recommend that changing circumstances require a political embassy to be strengthened or reduced in strength. They may find that procedures for handling top secret material are inadequate. But equally, they may feel that some typewriters could usefully be returned to store, or

trivialities.

The inspectors do not normally assess the cost implications of their recommendations, although there was one recent occasion in which they did so and concluded that they would lead to savings in one country alone of about £400,000 a year, a sum which would go a long way towards matching the costs.

of the inspectorme.

However, the general philosophy of the inspectorate has tended to be to try to make the four assessment of the a fairly taut assessment of the facilities required and to assume that the necessary cash re-sources would be made sources would be made available. There are some indications that the edwert of cash limits is now leading to a modification of that philosophy. There appear to be two related reasons for placing at least a question mark against

least a question mark agains the inspectorate's effectiveness The first is that because the members of the inspectorate are also members of the Diplomatic Service they are likely to share many of its

The second is that the inspectors are people of middling seniority, most of them, no doubt, with hopes of further advancement in the service, and their period in the inspectorate might well be a rather delicate stage of their careers.

Neither of these factors seems likely to lead to the in-spections being unduly robust.

Computers to the aid of distribution planners

company's products is one of balancing transport costs against quality of service. But, in practice, such are the many options available, most large organizations have found that their real world of distribution is a complex, computer-based in

research.

Not surprisingly, the computing service companies have developed a range of programs designed to assist in the analysis and planning of ysis and planning of transport and distribution systems. Representatives from more than 50 companies attended a recent seminar on the subject at the Milton Keynes head-

as £24.73.

quarters of Scicon Computer Services, the EP-owned bureau. For Trebor Sharps, confec-tionery manufacturers, Scicon has developed a national distri-bution model. This consists of a suite of programs which represent the movement and handling of sweets from fac-tories, through "break-bulk" depots, to distribution depots and then on to customers.

Depending on the average size of their orders, customers may receive deliveries either from distribution depots or (for large orders) direct from break-bulk depots.

Using the model, questions such as "How many depots are needed?", "Where should they be?", "What will their throughputs be?", and "What have been applied they be?", and "What have been applied to the succession of the second statement of the seco areas of the country should they serve?" can be answered. Included in the overall model is a local delivery cost model. This calculates the cost per unit of serving groups of customers from all the depots that can practicably serve

It evaluates the economics of journeys of more than one day and goes on to select the type of journey which will give the cheapest unit delivery costs.

To validate the model the company's operations in 1975 were analysed. Every aspect of the model's solution was com-

pared with actual company practice and discrepancies vere accounted for. Trebor Sharps and Scicon are now using the model to identify areas where savings can be made and to evaluate the costs of implementation. Another example of distribu-tion modelling software is the

Pathfinder package developed by British Road Services, which is used to estimate the number and sizes of vehicles needed for a delivery fleet. Using Ordnance Survey grid squares to define the depot delivery areas, information on quantities of goods and the drops to be made can be specified in either of two ways, depending on the detail

the total number of drops in it are specified. For vehicle routthe location, quantity to be delivered, service level and restricted delivery times are specified for each customer. This information is used

roads in the area, expected vehicle speeds and work-study or other standards to produce a detailed set of routes.

a detailed set of routes.

As well as fleet sizing and route planning, the Pathfinder package has been applied to distribution audits, the selection of additional or replacement vehicles, depot location, evaluating time restrictions, analysing levels of customer service, assessing the economics of trips longer than one day, evaluating productivity day, evaluating productivity negotiations and the effects of seasonal factors, training and

planning collections.

The Pathfinder system and the Trebor Sharp model repre sent two approaches to distri-bution planning—the packaged system (in this case developed by a transport company and marketed by the computer bureau) and the tailored solu-tion. Both offer fact calculation tion. Both offer fast calculation and the ability to test a wide range of options.

In cases where a mathematical statement of the problem is required but where standard packages do not fit mathemati-cal programming codes, such as Scicon's "Sciconic", can be used. For a national chain of clothing retailers, for example, a detailed study of inter-depot trunking operations, using the Sciconic code, has been com-

Liere, the objectives were to determine the optimum size and location of the vehicle fleet and to produce route schedules in response to specified levels of demand.

A mathematical model was

containers, articulated trailers and freightliners. Simul taneously, it determined how each container or trailer should be packed and the path it should take to its desti-

To complete the picture the model also represents the movement of empty containers and trailers which are necess-ary to ensure the correct balance of resources at each sort of

that are answered include "How much of each type of goods should I make at each factory? To which depot should it be sent and which depots should supply which customers? How should I sche dule my factories or individual machines to satisfy demand and maintain my stock levels? Do I need all my factories or depots? How much money will I depots? If not, which should I close? How much money will I save and what will he the cost in terms of flexibility? fare comparisons and Bucharest (1,300 miles, £143,46); or again between Boston and Denver (1,763 miles, £85,81) than between London and Rhodes (1,735 miles, £179,92) and Rl £179.97).

From Mr A. J. Burkart
Sir., Your Air Correspondent
(December 9) pertinently asks,
"Are air fares within Europe
too high?". It may be that
they are, and no doubt the
public consultation arranged for
this week by the Civil Aviation
Authority will throw light on
the matter But a direct com-Thirdly, air transport in Europe has developed in a distinctively different way from the matter. But a direct com-parison of European air fares the American way. In particular, leisure travel by air in Europe has produced the air-inclusive tour (package holiday) which has not been paralleled in the with United States fares on the basis of similar lengths of journey oversimplifies the case. Your Air Correspondent com-United States. In terms of passengers, more than balf the total intra-European air traffic is now carried on non-scheduled pared the fares between 10 city pared the lares between to the pairs in the United States with 10 city pairs of like length in Europe. For example, the fare New York-Philadelphia, a distance of 89 miles, is £14.11, there are Parecels Am. (charter) services. Most of this non-scheduled traffic is holidayoriented, attracted by the lower fares and prices that are made possible by non-scheduled whereas the fare Brussels-Am-sterdam, 98 miles, is as much by non-scheduled operation.

However, the combined populations of New York and Phila-delphia are more than 16 mil-As a result, the fares on scheduled services, especially on holiday routes, are relatively high, and the frequency of flights is low and in some cases, eg from Scandinavia ro the east coast of Spain. lion, those of Brussels and Amsterdam barely two million.

Demand for air services between cities is determined by scheduled services no longer run at all. The single daily service London-Rhodes cited by your Air Correspondent is supplemented in the holiday many factors but in part at least by the size of the two populations.

There is really nothing surprising in finding a greater season by a significant number frequency of service, more traffic and hence lower fares in

of non-scheduled services.

Thus, the big part played by non-scheduled air services in the growth of intra-European air traffic invalidates single comthe American city pairs cited by your Air Correspondent whose populations total 50 mil-lion, than in the 10 European city pairs who account for merely 24 million population. Further, the United States ex-perience is all demestic; the parisons between the levels of scheduled fares in the United States and those in force in

There may well be scope for lower air fares in Europe, but the way to loner fares may he the American way. At a time when the American commentators are themselves becoming highly critical of their own system it is to be hoped that due weight will be given to the distinctive developments of European civil aviation. I am, Sir, vours faithfully, A. J. BURKART,

Senior Lecturer in Tourism.

Perhaps the United Kingdom

manning standards do err on the side of righteousness. But I

would suggest that it is up to

Yours faithfully, R. J. M. GREY,

Managing Editor,

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Kilo-sterling

Intervention in : the Scotch whisky industry

From Mr A. K. Bergius
Sir, Mr Ronald Kersha
(December 30) claims to dete
an increasing body of opinic
among distillers in favour government participation the affairs of the Scotch whish industry. He implies that th view is gaining ground amor that section of the industry n represented by The Distille Company, but adduces a evidence for his claim beyor the word of an unnar

As chairman of one of the largest independent (non-DC companies, I can state catego cally that this is not our vie Government interference is the root cause of most of our pro-lems and we wish to see far le of it. I am convinced that the is the attitude of the ove whelming majority of compani in the industry and I cann escape the conclusion that I Kershaw's "expert" represer a tiny proportion of the trade. Export prices cannot allowed to increase in the wasuggested by this "expert" long as home trade prices a depressed, as too great a d parity between export and hor prices only encourages parall imports which in turn disru orderly marketing in our imp tant overseas markets.

Certainly, at home there keen competition and pro margins are slender, but pric are not kept down because Excessive taxation on Scot whisky (almost £3.50 a bott and fierce competition fro other drinks which are mo lightly taxed make it extreme hazardous to increase hor prices without shrinking t total market for Scotch whish

It would be extreme heartening to a hard-press industry to see some understar ing of this problem at t Treasury and the developme of a more sensible and coope; tive attitude for the future. It was unfortunate that I Kershaw omitted to mention t 20 per cent increase in experies introduced on January -only two days after his artic was published—although the crease had been reported The Times 12 days earlier. Yours faithfully, ADAM K. BERGIUS, Chairms Wm Teacher & Sons Ltd. St Enoch Square, Glasgow G1 4BZ.

Standards of

new homes From Mr G. P. Ewins

Sir, I was disturbed to reparts of a report of a Leet based firm of chartered st the United Kingdom Govern-ment to press for an inter-national level of manning for veyors (December 31). I co these small ships to ensure Eritish competitiveness rather than courting danger à la Dane. tainly agree that builders a having to "build down to price" and that a high perce tage of homes are poorly bui with a lack of care and respon sibility. However, it came as surprise to me, and I'm sure to Fairplay International Shipping many other readers, to lear that buyers of such house; should not rely on Nationa House Building Council protec

I purchased a new house a few months ago and obtained a degree of satisfaction that if my house ever proved not to be up to standard I could always turn to the NHBC. Now, it seems, this may not be so just what does the NHBC stand

It is a pity that the article offered no advice to private purchasers exactly how they should "make a stand against poor buildings". Could the NHBC play more of a role o watchdog in a situation which at the moment is a fait accompli to people wishing to buy t Yours faithfully, G. P. EWINS, 32 Hurrabrook Gardens, Plymouth,

Training films learn to communicate with international audiences

The finals of the Management Training Film and Video com-petition organized by the Bri-tish Industrial and Scientific Film Association and the British Institute of Management for our training films is
saw Video Arts' Meetings, expanding—an implicit tribute,
Bloody Meetings take both the
trophy presented by the Imour management, as well as a saw Video Arts' Meetings, Bloody Meetings take both the trophy presented by the Imperial Group and one of the two certificates given by the IM-BIM; and the other certificate also went to Video Arts for

Video Arts' approach to training, using John Cleese's remarkable comic talent, is by now well-known and appreciated. Manhant shows him in three managerial interview sit-uations, making three different types of mistake

The title of *Meetings* is selfexplanatory and the praisewrthy purpose is to make meetings shorter, more productive and more satisfying. The chairman of Imperial being introduced by an enlight- gest company in one African

Group, Mr John Pile, when he presented the trophy, spoke of an aspect of training films that measure of the quality of our

Millbank Films, which earlier this year made Your House in Order? (industrial accidents are considered.) accidents are caused by untidiness and slack working) and Man in the Middle (the super-visor, sandwiched between management and shop stewards and balancing the claims of production and safety) have come up now with a package of two films on coaching for the Training Services Agency of the Manpower Services

ened colleague to the need for developing the abilities of subordinates; Received with Interest, to be viewed after work based on the accompany-ing leader's guide, shows the reformed manager putting his lessons into practice. There are too many managers in need of the message and the package could do them a lot of good.

Wimpey presumably had export potential well in mind when they made Focus on Training. This is not a training film, but a micrure of the elaborate facilities that Wimpey provide in their training organization.

It is mainly designed for the company's own training pur-poses, but the organization also undertakes outside assignments. In the light of its overf the Manpower Services seas representation this stirs on echo of Mr Pile's reference to the African head of the lar-

country he had visited recently who is sending his colleague concerned with training to a course in Imperial's training

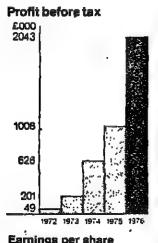
Training is increasingly international and films are no small part of it. Meetings, Bloody Meetings and Manhunt, both 29 minutes; £245 each. Hire: two days, £38.50; seven days, £48.50.

Your House in Order?, 23 minutes, and Mon in the Middle, 22 minutes; £150 each. Hire: three days, £20; seven days, £25.

I Owe You, 25 minutes; £250.
Received with Interest, 14 minutes; £150. Complete package, £315. Hire: three days, £35; seven days, £45. Focus on Training, 22 minutes.

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Turnover	28,889	23,757
Profit before tax and extraordinary items	2,043	1.008
Dividends per Ordinary share (gross)	2. 5p	1.54p
Earnings per Ordinary share	12.7p	6.1p
Shareholders' funds	7,210	5,623
Net assets per Ordinary share	46.0p	35.4p
Borrowings as a percentage of shareholders' funds	17.3%	55.9%

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manning of coasters From Mr R. J. M. Grey ressel was keeping her course. Their orders were to "call the skipper if anything gets too

Safety needs and the

Sir, Mr Bell (December 14) in pointing out the considerable differences between the manning levels on board small British and Danish coasters bas doubtless put his finger upon the principal reason for the decline in the British-owned short sea fleet. But in suggesting, however obliquely, that the Danish levels be taken as a norm, he does a considerable disservice to the cause of safety UT SEE.

European all international. This

is not merely a matter of who fixes the fares—the Civil Aero-nautics Board in the United States, the International Air

Transport Association (IATA)

There must be more in com-

mon to encourage air travel in the American cases all under a

single commercial and political

system than is likely at present in Europe. For example, there

is likely to be greater commu-nity of interest between Pitts-

burgh and Denver (1,300 miles, £67.75) than between London

in the European cases.

There are, for instance, grave doubts about the ability of a wholly mechanically untrained ship's master to maintain a 600 hp diesel engine and its Eynon Smart

For fleet sizing calculations food hp diesel engine and its the total volume of goods to be delivered to each square and gale in the middle of the North auxiliaries. The coaster in a Sea is not, after all, comparable to the lorry broken down on the motorway. An 800-ton ship may be small beer in the Channel seaways but it can be the cause of all manner of catastrophe if it is being navigated by an exhausted master or even his wife.

A pilot colleague tells me of recently boarding a small Danish coaster inbound to London from the Elbe. The sole occupants of this vessel were the Master, who was in an advanced stage of exhaustion having had 36 hours of heavy weather after leaving his berth in Hamburg, and two Moroccan seamen, both completely with-out experience and violently

Neither could steer and these wretched men had been employed in watching small pieces of coloured paper stuck on the Papus New G compass to indicate that the December 14.

Sir, With a view to assisting both metrication and the British self-respect, perhaps the Government should change the name of the pound sterling to the kilo sterling. By my rough reckon-ing, that would put the ex-change rate back at around one

kilo=US\$4. Surely this would be a huge psychological boost to us British in these troubled times. Yours faithfully, JIM FRIDAY. ecturer, Department of History, University of Papua

Port Moresby, Papus New Guines.

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Baden-Württemberg: beehive state

ployment in West Germany had again topped the million mark in December was a pointed reminder that Europe's strongest economy still has a long way to go in eradicating the consequences of the recession of 1974 and 1975.

But while it was the global figure that exercised the minds of politicians and newspaper editors, it went almost unno-ticed that one of the 11 Federal states appears well on the way to returning to full

Baden-Württemberg. occupies the south-western cor-ner of the Federal Republic, likes to think of itself as a model for the rest of the country. In economic terms there is something to be said

there is something to be said for this boast.

In the 25 years since its creation in May, 1952, the state of Baden-Württemberg has enjoyed a steady and relatively crisis-free economic growth.

At the end of last month only 3.2 per cent of its work-force were unemployed analysis. force were unemployed against a national average of 4.8 per cent while unemployment in West Germany as a whole fell by just under 11 per cent between the end of December, 1975 and end-December, 1976, the rate of decline in Baden-Württemberg was at 21.6 per cent—almost double this

At first sight the state's record of economic growth and its relative immunity to unemployment are surprising. Although Baden-Württemberg is Germany's third largest state, it is not an area paturally endowed with raw materials or sources of energy nor (with the exception of the area adjoining the Rhine) was cal and it at the time of industrializa-

Regional industry in Europe

area blessed with easy access to large markets.
Yet today Baden-Württemberg can claim to have an almost optimal industry-based economic structure. In contrast to West Germany as a whole, there is a healthy mixture of large, medium sized and small companies scattered throughout the state.

As West Germany is still one

of those places where it is pos-sible for the individual with a bright idea or a good product to make—and keep—a large amount of money, the profu-sion of small and medium firms is probably a healthy in-dicator of the economic wellbe-ing of the state. ing of the state.
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the invostry in the innabi-tants is legendary, and like their conservatism often a sub-ject of mockery in other parts of Germany. Furthermore, the diligence of Germany's south diligence of Germany's soul is westerners can be backed up by statistics. No less than 47 per cent of the state's 9.15 milper cent of the state's 3.15 million inhabitants are gainfully employed, against a national average of only 427 per cent.

Two companies in particular are of prime importance for the economy of Baden-Würt-

temberg. They are Daimler-Benz, the world-renowned car and commercial vehicle manufacturer, and Bosch, the electrical and motor components con-

Theodore Heuss, the first

President of West Germany once said the inhabitants of Baden-Württemberg drew their character from a blend of spe ulative imagination on the on hand and a rather pedanti accountant-like thrist for accu racy on the other. It has bee argued that the combination i these qualities lies behind th continuing success of Bade Württemberg's two major con

Daimler-Eeuz, for exampl was alone among the We German car manufacturers being able to shrug off the o crisis. Last year turnover at production rose to recording and earnings at expected to top the alread excellent results of 1975.

The key role played by two such "blue chip" companis in the state economy cannor in overestimated. Although Daimler-Benz has long sime expanded beyond the state. borders, more than 70 per ca of its German workforce still employed in Baden-Wir-tembers temberg. Every twentie for Daimler, and the compaint of the wages earned in a state, and accounts for over per cent industrial turnover. the south-west.

Daimler's success has unde pinned the economic wellbein of countless component man facturers. It has been est group's suppliers are based Baden-Württemberg, of which by far the largest is Bosch.

Bosch in turn employ around 60 per cent of its We German workforce in the stat and it is thought that arour half of its component supplier Baden-Wurttemberg.

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it is clear that investors not let sentiment entirely shelm sense, and the pital & Counties, Town & and a number of the er companies, whose shares savaged during the prop-nisis, such as Raglan and ian, have been bypassed. s selectivity should be-increasingly important shout the year. Without articular excitements exin the physical property st only long-term holdings if stock can really be led on fundamental ds at present price levels, igs that look forward to dual property marker reported by the end of the derather than any immediate evenent.

Stock Conversion, Allnatt London and the industrial groups, Slough Brixton and Percy Bilton, fall into the safe long-

Plantations

The three

Unless the Malaysia-based Genting Highlands decides not to vote against the proposed merger and change of domicile of the three Harrisons & Crosfields' sisters, which is unlikely, or Harrisons sues for peace on the deadline, which appears even more unlikely, the ambi-tious scheme, which is costing £300,000 in expenses, will come to nothing today, an outcome discounted in the share prices of the three sisters.

Harrisons has adopted a somewhat haughty attitude towards Genting, which seems surprising given the very large surprising given the very large sums already invested in attempting to mount the operation, which if anything has stiffened Genting's resolve to vote its 22 per cent in Golden Hope against the scheme—only just over 25 per cent is necessary to abort the proposals.

At the centre of the conflict is the threat of dilution of Genting's holding, while conversely Harrisons' grip on Golden Hope, London Asiatic and Pataling, will oute probably be strengthened.

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Kiarrisons, with about 26 per cent of the equity of each of the three companies, could easily end up completely dominating the new Malaysian master company by controlling the United Kingdom-based mirror company, whose sole assets will be shares in the Malaysian company.

Meanwhile, Genting would be

Meanwhile, Genting would be left with very much of a min-ority stake in the enlarged group, and considerably less potential power than it currently exercises.
Genting also argues that it

bought into Golden Hope because of the prime assets and good product spread while the larger grouping would include plantations in politically sensitive areas with a top beavy product spread. Harrisons concedes the geo-

graphical and product arguments, although it counters that this is included in the price. But unless some compromise can be reached, the whole scheme will become an expensive fiasco this morning when the extraordinary general meet-ings of the three sisters are held.

One of the problems for a company and its advisers in putting together a novel scheme is judging the likely response of investors. Not that the proposed GEC scheme was ever at risk in the sense that it involved the raising of fresh funds, but response to a psychological effect on future market attitudes to a share, and in the case of the GEC pro-posals the market's response on Friday was anything but rapturous.

True, there was plenty of short-term money to come out of GEC shares once the proposals were announced and it was not a particularly good day for the market in general. But, even allowing for that, the market was still disappointed on three main counts. First, it had been honing for a scheme that would allow an improve-ment in the basic dividend. Second, it found the group's statement of intent on overseas expansion more confusing than

Land Securities, Hammerson enlightening. Third, it did not particularly take to the concept of the floating rate capital note.

What happens to the capital notes is going to be one of the more fascinating aspects of the scheme. The floating rate concept on medium-term paper is novel for most conventional which they instinctively recoil. Quite simply, they prefer, where possible, to be able to feed fixed rates of return into their projections. It may be that time will change that view, but it is hard to see it happening during a period when the trend in interest rates is down-

It could prove, then, that come mid-March, when dealings are expected to start, many institutional holders will want to unload their capital notes free of gains tax for gross funds—and reinvest the proceeds elsewhere, even in GEC equity. The comfort is this respect is that there should be a ready market for the loan notes else where, particularly among the multinational and overseas banks operating in the international markets in which floating rate paper is common place. That, moreover, could be viewed as no bad thing to the extent that it develops an international taste for GEC paper. for the indications are that over the next few years international investors may well be asked to subscribe for appreciable amounts of GEC paper in the form of equity for any new oversess holding companies.

Thos W. Ward Still highly geared

The collapse in screp prices which started in Thos W. Ward's final quarter and still continues unchecked, has wiped out much of the optimism expressed at the group's interim stage. With virtually all the 17.5 per cent improvement in full year pre-tax profits coming from an £800,000 improvement in associate contributions (mein's Tunnel Holdings) to £2.8m and a modest cut in interest charges to £4m. Ward is still in the firm grip of its own gearing problems.

Banking February's £6m rights proceeds, while using the £3m cash from the previous year's Marshall-Fowler sale to support heavy spending on the construction side has helped bring down the borrowing ratio from 112 per cent to a slightly more acceptable 83 per

But the prospects for paring this back further in the current year must be fast diminishing. Severe restrictions on capital spending during the past two vears have left precious little strong boost in the general level of economic activity even a repeat of this year's profit performance may be hard to

The group is forecasting little more than a repeat of last year's performance in construction, while competition and low demand for scrao which have resulted in prices falling 40 per cent since July, must angur hadly for the fron and steel sector. At 421p after a 11o fall on

Friday the shares yield 13.2 per cent and are on an historic Die ratio of around 5!—a duly cautious rating given the imponderables of current year trading. Meanwhile Ward is currently showing a book loss of some £4m on its 26.6 per cent Tunnel stake.

Final: 1975-76 (1974-75) Capitalization E22m Sales £229m (£205m) Pre-tax profits £8.1m (£6.9m) Earnings per share 7.8p (6.8p) Dividend gross 5.625p* (5.625p) * On increased share capital

Not by exports alone

Hugh Stephenson

It is said by some who have been availing themselves of the chance to use the Treasury's computer forecasting model that, almost whatever assumptions are fed into the system, the answer comes up with a strong growth of exports.

To the extent that this bias is a fact, it would explain the way in which Chancellor after Chancellor nails his flag to virtuous export led growth and is, time and again, disappointed.

Since growth in export volume is so central to present economic policy, it might be worth suggesting areas which may account for this apparently regular tendency. After all, it goes to the heart of the argument about whether effective devaluation of the exchange rate is a sufficient or a necessary condition of improved economic

Since, at least, the 1967 sterling devaluation there have been sufficient voices drawing attention to the workings of the I-curve. The choice of the symbol "I" implies faith that the downwards part of the graph following

before it is overteken by the long upwards trend, resulting from in-creased competitiveness in world more than compensating for the initial deterioration in the terms

Experience indicates more of a Vcurve would be a more appropriate choice of symbol, with a much longer period before the benign influences take charge.

countries, whose exchange rate produces a result that makes its products increasingly uncompensive, must in time lose its share of the various world markets for its products. And

behave logically must, therefore, have to do with institutional and organizational frictions which slow, or resist entirely, the hypotheses of economics.
The observer of the industrial and economic scene is daily fed snippers of information which indicate where some of these frictions may lie.

example, because it is important and because its import and export record are so constantly paraded before us by the various interest groups. Chrysler has a very successful car, the Alpine, a recent " car of the year". It is imported into this country. If all goes well, it may in a year or two be increasingly assembled and then manufactured here. Meanwhile, however, devaluation of the pound can only increase the trade deficit by each further successful

Similarly, Vauxhall, the British part of General Motors, is building up its share of the British market with the Cavalier, imported from Beigium. It is another example of the fact that internationally integrated business now has marketing strategies and production schedules, rationally chosen, which cannot be altered at a moment's notice to take account of subsequent shifts in relative exchange rates.

Or take GEC, simply because it is in the news with its ingenious scheme to increase its effective dividend. Sir

Arnold Weinstock seems to be saving that as one of the bandful of the best managed companies in the country and with the mix of products that it has to offer, and despite the hugely advantageous exchange rate shift in 1976, substantial further development of business outside the United Kingdom has to be by acquisition and joint venture; and not by domestic invest-ment and export. If that is his conclusion, all experience would indicate that he is right.

As more and more of international production becomes concentrated in the hands of integrated international groups, the sensitivity of world trade shares to short-term exchange rate changes will come closer to zero; and to medium and long-term changes will be heavily damped.

Quite apart from the argument about

import quotas and the siege economy, governments in second rank industrial countries will have to become as concerned with intra-group trading practices and patterns as the govern-ments of so-called developing countries have been in the past.

formance of the economy in the second half of the year will

undoubtedly be greatly influenced by inflationary and governed

ernment policy factors, that cannot be realistically pre-

dicted at present.

A key factor will be the result of the United States barvest and its likely impact on

food prices. Another important

consideration is world com-modity prices, notably oil prices, and their influence, together with that of increased world demand, on the prices of

other raw materials.

Mr Carter's package gives cheer to American industry

Mr Jimmy Carter, the Presi-dent-elect, proposed a modestly stimulative package of eco-nomic measures on Friday that will undoubtedly serve to brighten the United States economy's prospects.

Indeed the new year bas started with most Americans in

a more cheerful mood about the outlook for their mation's Surveys of businessmen and

consumers are showing mounting confidence, as do the views of the experts, with Mr William Simon, the Secretary of the Tréasury, noting that "a healthy, balanced expansion is now under way".

Joining the bullish chorus and reflecting widespread views among American economists to-

day are the professionals at the Argus Research Organization, who say that " 1977 should turn out to be a rather good year-one in which inflation is no problem (at least early in the year), unemployment comes down and business activity in general posts some fairly good Another optimist is Mr Til-

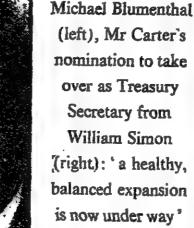
ford Gaines, chief economist of the Manufacturers Hanover Trust, who wisely notes, how-ever, that "if we should have learnt anything throughout history it is that when the future certain it probably is American economists are once

again publishing forecasts with great confidence, despite having been sadly wrong in their pre-dictions in 1974 and 1975. The in fact, surprisingly accurate, even though nobody predicted that the first quarter would see in extremely sharp growth rate with the economy developing at sluggish pace for the remainder of the year. There are still a few pessi-

mistic voices to be heard. Chase Econometrics Associates, for example, believes that the economy will run into serious difficulties in the late summer and that 1978 could see another It is now the widespread view

that gross national product will grow in real terms this year by about 5 per cent, compared with an annual growth rate of shout 4 per cent for the past siy months. Most forecasters accurately

predicted that Mr Carter would propose about \$15,000m of timulus for the economy this year and thus the expert pre-dictions mostly rake into account the likely effect of the measures that the next President broadly outlined on Friday. The forecasters assume that such a growth rate will result in a decline of 1 to 1.5 per cent in the unemployment level over the next 12 months from today's lievel of about 8 per cent. Also,



they believe that the real

by only a modest rise in the inflation level to a rate of about

5.3 to 5.7 per cent, compared with a rate of about 5.1 per

Such real growth and relative price stability should pro-

vide a boost to the world economy. It will serve to stimulate world trade and no

doubt ease the formidable tasks

faced by countries such as Britain that are now striving

to attain reasonable real growth

this year, while at the same

time sharply reducing their high inflation levels.

The prospect of faster real growth in the United States than in most other countries

will probably lead to a con-

tipuation of developments ex-

perienced in the past 12 months, where the American level of imports grew much more rapidly than did the level

of exports. The American foreign trade balance is also

likely to be further eroded by another jump in oil import

Mr Edward Heydinger, chief economist at the Marashon Oil Company, expects the United States oil trade deficit to rise by some \$6,000m from the 1976 level of \$35,000m. It remains to

be seen whether America's large overall trade deficir can be off-set in the balance of payments accounts by a further sharp gain in capital inflows.

Brokers on Wall Street are bullish about share prices and the dollar's attractiveness could

be enhanced both by the com-

Squabbles among crew mem

bers along national lines will

the organizers hope, be averted and the course completed suc-cessfully. Failure to reach the finishing line would be particu-

larly inauspicious at a time when the Community is cele-

brating an important birthday.

A court hearing at San Remo tomorrow should throw light on

one of the stranger cases of

alleged violation of foreign ex-

change regulations to come up

Carlo Aloisi, 69, of Rome, is

accused of trying to take

promissory notes, to the reported value of 2,700m lire

in Italy in recent years.

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(left), Mr Carter's nomination to take over as Treasury Secretary from William Simon

(right): 'a healthy, balanced expansion is now under way

Total American federal gov-

ernment spending in the present fiscal year, including the new proposels made by Mr Carter,

will probably be about \$425,000m and result in a deficit of about \$60,000m to \$70,000m.

Frank Vogl

The Department of Defence

Sales by America's vast

will undoubtedly catch up with its recent laggard spending per-formance and so provide a boost

military equipment industry. Besides having a generally

stimulative effect, the budget

will provide particular assistance, because of special pro-

grammes, to employment and to

the still depressed construction

The course that monetary

policy will take is difficult to

predict. Dr Arthur Burns, the chairman of the Federal

Reserve System, has said repeatedly that he wants to see

slower pace of growth in the

money supply to ensure long-

If he insists upon this course, then it is unlikely that the

actual money supply growth rate will exceed the 5 per cent

M1 and 9.8 per cent M2 levels

experience much White House pressure to ensure a moderation

it may become more relaxed about inflation if further pro-gress is made on this front, which, given the large produc-

tivity gains of the past year and the fairly low level of wage and

oil price increases, is possible in the immediate future.

Argus Research predicts that money supply growth will be

greater this year than has been seen for some time, with M1 growing by 6.9 per cent and M2 rising by 10.8 per cent.

However, the Fed is likely to

interest rate increases. Also,

term price stability.

public expenditure.

on October 1, is likely to see moderate growth in all areas of

are unlikely to be repeated.

Company profits are widely seen as rising some 10 to 14 per

seen as rising some 10 to 14 per cent this year.

Companies are likely to move ahead cautiously with capital investment plans, perhaps becoming more confident as the year develops. Surveys suggest that business fixed investment spending will rise in

vestment spending will rise in real terms by some 5 to 8 per

Consumer spending is seen

by almost all economists as con-

tinuing to move shead un-dramatically and to provide the

main fuel for greater economic growth in the months ahead. The reduction in the inflation

strengthening of real disposable

New car sales last year reached 10 million upits from

total 10.5 million in 1977. New

housing starts also seem set for

further increases, possibly reaching an apposi rate late

next year of two million units.

next year or two mumon units, compared with a rate recently of about 1.7 million. Gains in sales of most durable and non-durable goods should be seen.

The heavy level of public sector borrowing, combined with rising general loan demand, should result in a rise in short-term interest rates. Fed

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policy will determine just how

arge the rises will be. Many

bankers expect the prime rate to climb by between 1 per cent

and 2 per cent over the next year from the 6 per cent to 6.25 per cent level now pre-

With nobody seeing dramatic

gains in either consumer or business demand for goods it is

likely that business inventories

will rise on a much more steady

course than was seen over the past 18 months. The gradual

upswing in inventory accumula-

tion and in the economy's general growth rate will receive

further support when Mr Carter's reflationary programme

starts to have a visible effect on the economy in the second

Corporate profits have and third quarters of this year. recovered strongly from their depressed 1975 levels, but the least the next six months, but, 30 per cent gains seen in 1976 it is somewhat cloudy for the

income levels.

The Fed's policies, as domes-tic money market pressures grow later this year, together with the quite unpredictable White House and congressional response to a continuation of high unemployment, will all have a big effect on business and consumer sentiment.

Some experts fear a revival of inflationary pressures later in this year which would undermine business confidence, produce new delays in business in-vestment spending and lead to a slowdown in the economy's growth rate. Rising inflationary pressures could also under-mine consumer spending and so

contribute to a weakening of the economy, The new programme outlined Mr Carter involves a diverse package of tax cuts to start followed by a wide range of special job creating program-mes. The stimulative effect of the job programmes is unlikely to be great while the tax ele ments are likely to have only fairly short-run reflationar

Thus there is the possibility that trade unions and liberal more reflationary measures by tell how President Carter will respond?

It would seem on the basis of the tough team of fiscal conservatives that now surround Mr Carter that any further reflationary pressures will be staunchly resisted. A clearer indication of his likely course will come in the next month or two when the new President makes his own proposals for next year's budget. These proposals will show just how earnest he is about his election campaign pledge to bring about a balanced federal budget.

Should Mr Carter bow to the likely reflationary pressures that may emerge later this year then the prospect of a balanced budget within a few years will fade. Much more important, to bow to such reflectionary pressures and permit a further significant swelling of the budget deficit, could well result in new inflationary fears coming to the fore, especially as the additional reflationary measures will take industrial capacity utilization levels back

to high rates.
It greatly depends on Mr Carter's actions in the coming months whether inflation will or will not become the critical economic problem to face America during 1978.

be enhanced both by the com-paratively low inflation level in America and the prospect of an upward trend in interest rates. Fiscal policy is already firmly in place for three quarters of this year and is so fashioned as to support a nominal GNP growth rate of more than 10 per cent. The 1978 fiscal year budget, which comes into effect Business Diary in Europe: Returned to sender

urd Fraser's career has almost as full of travel f incident as that of some stock in trade, exotic or vise rare stamps. March Fraser is to suc-

John Webb on the latter's ment as a deputy chairof the quoted stamp



er is accordingly moving London from Frankfurt, he is chairman of a business acquired by SGI 973. He settled in Germany after being rilized from the army only I that there was not much for him in Britain. has left Germany for 1 once before, as a 12ld in 1933, having been

Germany as a soldier in the last days of the war. He served with the Gordon Highlanders, became a Com-mando, and fought fascists during the war and Communists after it, while serving in Greece. In postwar Germany Fraser managed to have returned to him his mother's family's furniture making business, confiscated by the Nazis. As he

prospered, he returned to a pre-wer hobby, stamp collecting. By 1963 he had so many stamps, particularly from the Far East, that he started a dealing business whose acquisition took Gibbons into Europe and him on to the group board. Fraser is keen to expand the group and says there are "good prospects" of opening further offices in France and in

He is still chairman of the Frankfurt business, Stanley Gibbons Merkur, although davto-day running is in the bands telist and anctioneer, and Peter Harnasky, the administrator. Fraser has sold one German furniture firm and would have sold the remaining one if business weren't (for Germany)

so sluggish. Of the more here. Fraser says he won't be any better off financially but just finds Britain a friendlier place in which to live. And as if to mark his return to the fold. Gibbons are making him managing director of their English stamp dealing

After Klasen? there, a British subject, tish father and German president of the West German routher. He returned to Federal Bank, is not due to

retire until the end of this year, there is already speculation in Frankfurt and Boon over his In one sense the flurry of

rumour is understandable. As the West German central bank is constitutionally independent dent is a very important man. He can to a very large extent direct German economic and monetary policy for up to eight years without having to worry about the electorate. Klasen, despite the aristo-

cratic bearing and habits that are only to be expected from a former top executive of the Peutsche Bank, is a member of the Social Democrat Party and not surprisingly the SPD is keen to see one of its own installed in the presidency of the Bundesbank when he goes. The present space of rumours

merely symptomatic of the jockeving for position going on under the Surface. It has been suggested that Chancellor Schmidt's first choice would be a top commercial banke" with a good understanding of monetary affairs.

But of the three most eminent candidates — Walter Hesselbach of the Bank Für Gemeinwirtschaft, Jürgen Ponto the Dresdoer Bank and Wilfried Guth of the Deutsche Bank-the first two bave shown no inclination to move to the central bank while Guth is thought to sympathize with the coposition Christian Democrat

Another name put forward is that of Karl-Otto Pohl, at present state secretary in the Finance Ministry and con-veniently a member of the

But Pöhl has no real banking experience, is at 47 probably too young for the federal and is in any case in the Finance

New year sails

Undaunted by the popular image of the European Community as a frail craft struggling unsuccessfully to chart a new course through the towering waves of unemployment and economic recession, a group of voung enthusiasts in Brussels are preparing for an equally gruelling sea voyage.

Sponsored by such European

leaders as Claude Chevsson, the French member of the European Commission in charge of development aid policy, Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister and Hans Apel, the West German Finance Minister. the group is planning to sail a European entry in this autumn's round the world yacht race.

Named the "Treaty of Rome" to commemorate the founding of the EEC 20 years ago, the 51-foot aluminium sloop will be crewed by a mixed bag of young, non-professional yachtsfrom different member

The organizers see the yenture, which they are talling "Sail for Europe", as a model of European cooperation of the kind they would like to see at a governments. They are keeping their

(about £1.8m), illegally out of the country. Not that there is anything unusual about currency smuggling out of Italy. On the contrary, chronic lack of confidence of Italians in the political and economic outlook at home has resulted in thousands millions of lire finding its way illegally abroad over the

But Aloisi is deputy chairman of Istituto Bancario Italiano, one of the biggest private banks and part of the empire of the cement king The promissory notes were found in Aloisi's briefcase when

he tried to cross the frontier just before the new year on his fingers crossed, however, that the symbolism of the long has local banking interests. hazardous sea voyage will tall In any event, the view is short of some of the less attrac-rive aspects of Community life echoed in the Italian press that there is more behind the case

than has yet come out.

Elson & Robbins

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Pre-tax profits have exceeded £1 million for the first time >> reports Eric R. Keeling, the Chairman

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in a good position to maintain and strengthen its activities and also to take advantage of expanding export opportunities. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the board is therefore likely to be able to report another increase in both sales and profits for the year ahead.

Comparative results Yr. to 30.9.76 Yr. to 30.9.75 Yr. to 30.9.74 Turnover £9,964,551 27,907,543 £6,947,973 Profit after taxation £552,472 £389,682 £460,803 Total dividend (net) 2.802p 2.547p 2.387p Earnings per share 8.31p 6.92p

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Optimism about gilts likely to be short-term

The sight of gilt prices scurrying ahead on Friday in response to the Government's tap stock successes and the MLR cut, must have been the source of some satisfaction for analysts at Kemp-Gec & Co.

For the firm in its latest monthly review had disagreed strongly with the widely held opinion that the gilt market's opinion that the gift market's recovery of recent weeks was unlikely to go much further. Kemp-Gee is in fact particu-larly bullish about gilts on a view of six months or so, while remaining distinctly dubious about the equally widely sup-ported view that prospects will be much brighter in the second half of the year thanks to North Sea oil benefits.

"That the latter months of this year may look good—at least within the narrow confines of the gilt market—is quite possible but we prefer at this stage to keep that possibility in mind as a hypothesis only",

the firm savs. Meanwhile, it says nothing fundamental has happened in the United Kingdom nor under the present Government Is any fundamental change in prospect such as to hold out any hope

Kelsey's chief

Many chairmen would be

satisfied with a jump to pre-

tax profits from £978,600 to a

peak £1,653,957; but not Mr John Moss of Kelsey Industries.

In his annual review for the

year to September 30, he is

naturally pleased with it.

However he adds quickly that

the gain reflects inflation, and

does little more than show

modest real progress on 1973's

Nor does be minimize special

factors. Among them were the

dry winter and exceptional sum-

mer for the contracting com-

pany; and souring metal values

and the slide in sterling for the

Finally reorganization has

now brought the economies

expected, particularly in over-

At task time the chairman found it impossible to say what the financial year would bring

because orders were then below

But then business picked up

and Kelsey made more in the second half year than in the

first. Exports and overseas accounted for half the sales of

manufactured goods into more than 100 countries in all five

Mr Moss says he is no better

He adds that order books are

still short. Much depends on

customers prosperity. Growing electronics imports from the

Far East and the massive cuts

planned in telephone equipment

could hurt the solder business.

Brentnall Beard

Leading United Kingdom in-

surance broker Brentnall Beard

(Holdings) shows in its annual

report that 60 per cent of the

£603,000 pre-tax profit for 1975-

76, announced a month ago, was

Mr Fred Beard, chairman,

says that the group's inter-national growth has come

chiefly from Canada, Singapore and Malaysia. A new outlet in the United States has also made a profitable start. This company, Brentuall Beard Inc. was

set up two months before the September 30 year-end and no

The underwriting agency produced higher profits for the 1973 account than expected.

While the 1974 account is not likely to be as good as 1973's, a "satisfactory" result is still foreseen.

Business appointments

Mr J. A. Oliver has been elec-ted chairman of Lloyd's Under-

Mr F. M. S. Johnson is to be the new chairman of the earthen-ware division of Joslah Wedgwood & Sons. He succeeds Mr E. James

Johnson, a director of Wedgwood Ltd, who retires on March 31. Mr F. M. S. Johnson continues as managing director of the Johnson Brothers division of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons.

Mr Paul Amos and Mr Richard

George become deputy managing directors of Weetabix. Mr Roy Richards has resigned.

Mr A. M. Goodman joins the board of Sangers Group as fin-ance director.

Mr C. Anders Cohen and Mr Matti Pylkkanen have been made joint managing directors of A. Cohen. Mr Roger O. Cohen joins the board. Mr Robert N. Cohen has retired as managing director but remains chalrman.

Mr John Mitchell has been ap-

Mr Lloyd Bankson, Mr William Dykes and Mr Jerome Goldstein have been elected executive direc-tors of Citicorp International Bank

The Earl of Lansborough has joined the board of Edward G. L. Carter & Co as deputy chairman.

Mr J A Oliver is chairman

of Lloyd's Underwriters

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not satisfied

of a change in the relative dec-line of the economy which has been proceeding over the greater part of the post-war era.

Pointing out that what changes in policy there have been represent only the reluctant reactions of a government forced against its inclinations to take some cognizance of the

facts of the real world, Kemp-Gee says: "It is easy to see why we are unwilling to commit ourselves to a market view which goes beyond a few months."

Brokers' views

Over in equities, Panmure Gordon & Co see little sign of any decisive turning point in prices. Pointing out with the latest edition of their Cyclical Indicators that there may be some scope for a short term correction following the recent strong gains, Pannure however suggests that any fall should be limited by the favourable trend in interest rates

"Until the stock market sees both inflation and the balance of payments under control there is little likelihood of a sus-tained upward movement in equity prices."

Profit-takers pounced GEC on Friday after the longawaited announcement of the group's capital reconstruction plans but de Zoete & Bevan strongly recommends purchases of the shares.

De Zoete says that the 1977-78 income of investors who retain the issued Floating Rate. Capital Notes 1936 will increase from 6p to an estimated 10.63p gross. Stripping out the parce gross. Stripping out the notes at par the shares will yield nearly a quarter more than before and the relative rating will fall to a discount on the ratio.

Anticipating a technical reaction when the reconstruction was amounced—the shares had risen 21 per cent more than the market in the previous three months-de Zoete says that technical factors may work in the opposite direction when dealings start in the notes. Then some holders may sell the

notes to reinvest in the ordin-

Expecting GEC's ambitious plans for overseas expansion to enhance the shares' attraction de Zoete says that it believes the company's record and prospects justify a premium rating. Wood, Mackenzie stands on

neutral ground in its latest Bank Annual. With a relatively unfavourable outlook for earnings pext year it suggests advantage should be taken to lighten holdings on any marked relative strength on the lead up to the 1976 results from London clearers.
At the same time, however,

it says that after the sustained weakness of the shares over the past three years a plausible case can now be made for rebuild-ing portfolios should the sector market average prospective p/e relative fall back below a level of approximately 30 per cent of the FT-A 500 Index from the recent mid-80s level. Wood, Mackenzie reckons Barclays currently offers the

greatest attractions of the "Big Four" while National and Commercial is preferred to Scottish rival Bank of Scotland.

Richard Allen

well as many children's comics including the Beano and Dandy.

Armstrong acquisition

f100,000 Armstrong Equipment is to buy T. R. Williams (Wolverbampton). Williams is a general motor factor. The new-

comer will extend Armstrong's

automotive components and equipment distribution network in the Midlands. The price is

271,000 Armstrong ordinary shares at 36 15/16p each. The

vendors are taking cash and James Capel, Armstrong's broker, has placed the shares.

after Opec split

New York, Jan 9.— shock waves over the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries'

price split are starting to sub-

side, and a tentative spot crude oil noice pattern is in the multime. Petroleum Intelligence Vestiling says would be buyers

and rathers are testing out their ideas, though few transactions

have been clinched.

cents a barrel have been offered

cents a barrel have been offered by some buyers seeking lower-priced Saudi Arabian crude, while token 2 cent to 3 cent discounts are available from some sellers of higher priced Iranian and Kuwaiti crude. Premium offers for Middle East crude have thus far been

confined to Arabian light, with some buyers offering \$12.40 a barrel (31 cents over the official

\$12.09 price). Premiums have not been offered yet on heavier

Discounts have surfaced on both Iranian beays crude and

Kuwaiti crudes. Iranian heavy crude is being quoted at \$12.46 compared to its official \$12.49

price, and Kuwaiti at \$12.34 against its official \$12.37.

Saudi Arabian crudes.

emerging

In an agreed deal worth about

Ward White jubilant as it returns to the seven figure profit league The privately owned group publishes the Evening Post & Telegraph, the Sunday Post, as

After a million pound step half its monthly business. It into profits from losses in the is however developing other half year to June 30 the Ward White footwear and engineering group has "returned to the seven figure profit league". So says Mr Philip Burch, managing

director. Shoe slump and dear money pulled down the pre-tax profits from £1.78m to £1.32m in 1974 and in the six months to June 30, 1975, they vanished, with losses of £645,000 appearing instead. But the second half year saw the group turn the

The latest half year to June 30 saw profits of £437,000 and it is with these in mind that Mr Birch now talks of continuing second balf recovery and seven

figure profits. Unemployment, pay curbs and inflation may cut the amount of money spent on boots and shoes "but Ward White is in a good position to profit from even a reduced market.".

At half time the group's

sweeping gains were put down to streamlining, and growth abroad. At home business was still bleak and Mr George McWatters talked of imports and slump.

But at the weekend Mr Birch was able to tell John White Branded Footwear salesmen at Higham Ferrars, Northamptonshire: "You have all the com-ponents of a good selling year".

Erskine House deal

Erskine House Investment Trust has signed a conditional agreement to buy Scotia Bureaux. It runs a bureau de change in Central London. The price is £460,000 cash. Erskine's

shares roes 2p to 40p. Net revenue attributable to Happily, the balance sheet is Erskine's parent company shareholders for the half year to Sepsolder, soldering and audio tember 30 rose from £6,500 to accessories, sealants and mastic compounds. It is also an indust-rial coofing and insulation £31,000. Earnings a share were 1.15p against 0.25p. The net asset value a share is 31.8p

> Redpath now owns Refined Syrups

Redpath Industries, in which MOYAL LONDON MUTUAL Redpath Industries, in which Tate & Lyle is the major share-holder, has bought all the shares of Refined Syrups & Sugars of Yonkers, New York, formerly owned by Allen & Co and Denton Developments. Redpath now owns 100 per cent of the issued capital. It is expected that Tate & Lyle will soon buy a direct equity interest in Refined Syrups from Redpath. Redpath.

Back into form at Fred Cooper

"The group is not without prospects for the future" is the New Year message to share-holders in Frederick Cooper (Holdings) from chairman Mi F. R. Cooper with the accounts for the 16 months to July 31,

A change in Government policy last year towards tele-phone exchange building meant that one subsidiary, Latham Manufacturing, lost more than

Sir John Bates, personnel director of Thomson Regional Newspapers, has retired. Mr Matthew Seales, a full-time director of TRN, now adds the personnel and public relations functions to his other responsibilities.

Morgan Guaranty Trust Com-pany of New York has promoted to vice-presidents Mr Charles C. Green III, Mr Peter Rugg and Mr Peter L. Woicke, all at the bank's London office.

Mr A. L. Gurney and Mr A. S. Martin become directors of Roy

Mr William Grosvenor has been made managing director of Osborne Marketing Communica-tions, succeeding Mr Bruce Clark.

Cooper also suffered its first bed debts of any size when several building customers went under. So the group made a trading loss for the first time

Bur the paint coating plant has gots into its stride: output at CM Steel Mills has risen strongly: Elwell Sections is heading for a good year; and a licensing deal allowing Norton (International) to make the group's patented mylon conveyor belts in the United States should bring in good royalties. So the directors look forward with confidence to this year and "fully expect a return to satis-factory profitzbility."

Cooper is an industried holding group in steel, components and capital equipment.

Avenue Close jumps

Rent_ reversions from the West End Properties and the inclusion of the Truro Development for the first time swelled rental income at Avenue Close by 70 per cent to £252,000 in the half year to September 30. Property dealing profits were only £2,000 : Trinst £23,000, but pre-tax profits for the six months doubled to £141,000. These were before adding £56,000 of extraordinary items from the sale of two investment.

from the sale of two investment properties. There is again no interim dividend. But the board expects the year's total to be bigger than the 2.06p gross of last

D C Themson more than doubles

Income after tex at D. C. Thomson, the Dundee-based printer and publisher, more than doubled to £2.85m in the year to March 31. Trading profits went up from £2.23m to £3.89m, and investment income was £1.85m against £1.72m. The dividend goes up from 27.16p gross to 29.76p.

Lost year new annual premiums under life assurance policies with Society amounted to record £7.1m (£6.1m). New sums assured £170.6m net (£156m). Single premiums and considerations for annualities £297.000 (£195.000). In ordinary branch new annual premiums £2.8m (£2.66m) securing sums assured of £107.5m (£100m). In Industrial Branch annual premiums £4.2m Branch annual premiums £4.2m (£3.4m) and sums assured £63.1m £556m). Special final bonus at £1.50 per cent extended for one

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE New premium income last year £53.1m (£43.9m). Immediate annuity considerations E3.7m (£3.1m). Sums assured £886m

LIFE ASSOC OF SCOTLAND In 1976 new annual premiums more than \$2.8m (£2.25m). Single premiums over £1.6m (£1.5m). Benefits secured by these pre-

miums are net sums assured of over £80m (£71m) and net annu-ities of over £6.1m (£5.6m).

Freight report

Tanker rates crumbled immediately after the new year. Hav-ing conceded the cuts, though, Mr C. F. E. Shakerley has been made chairman of Provincial In-surance and Provincial Life Assur-ance. He succeeds his cousin, Mr Peter F. Scott, who becomes presi-dent of Provincial Insurance.

scale 34 (\$5.7 per tonne) imme-diately before the new year break, rates on vices from the Gulf to Europe dropped to worldscale 25 (\$4.03) with the even larger ulccs accepting as low as worldscale 22 (\$3.54).

Mr R. C. Pavitt and Mr W. T.
J. Lucas, have been made executive directors of Ravenseft Properties. Mr C. R. F. Gillespic, Mr D. J. Treagus and Mr D. F. Hubbard become executive directors of City of London Real Property.

Mr. David Kleagus, her been month turned out to be much higher than had been expected, and owners were perhaps fortunate to stabilize the rate structure so quickly.

Although there is little hope of a higher rate over the next few weeks—in fact, rates could drop a few more points the Mr David Kleeman has been appointed a non-executive director of The Huntleigh Group.

Mr J. D. Griffiths has become a director of Nuclear Enterprises with responsibility for marketing.

drop a few more points—the situation could be worse. Cer-tainly, there was much more demand for period cover with most of the American oil companies seeking ships right through to vlcc size over terms of 12

This has been quite a busy sector of the market and could become even more active

Thorn ends a week of second line stocks

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TODAY, Interims—AVP Ind: Owen & Robinson, RFD GRF Second Great Northern Inv Wellman Eng. Finals—Brai: Grp, SGB Grp.

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WEDNESDAY, Interims_ Brown & Tawse, Grange Is Hollas Grp. Raybeck, Scottis & Newcastle Brew, Stock Co version & Inv Tst, Somporte Hidgs, Tridant Grp Printer Finals—Bett Brothers, Flex lo Castors & Wheels, M Corquodale, M & G Dual Te Nash JF Sec, Weyburn Eng.

THURSDAY, Interims—Ea, wood JB, ERF, Halma, Stroi Riley. Finals—Barr AG, E. China Clay, Hickson & Welc Kenning Motor Gro, Le Foundries, M & G Grp, Miland

FRIDAY, Interims Capital Counties Property, Cray Ele tronics, Thorn Electrical Inc Finals—Leyland Paint Wallpaper, Turner Manuf.

Elson & Robbin on target for fine year

From Long Eaton, Nottir ham, Elson & Robbins chairm Mr Eric Keeling, who has mo than 10 per cent of the shan reports that the board hopes i another year of bigger sales a profits.

The accounts for the year

September 30 show that Els did more than best £1m befc tax in profits. It raised its p tax return on capital from 1: per cent in 1967 to 32 per cen more than doubled gross di dends; and nearly did the sat with net assets (to 40.5p). The parent is the main pro

earner with pre-tax profits E699.681; it benefited fro better metal division sales at motor industry recovery.

Domestic Industrial Pressin lost a big contract but it h successfully marketed a mobil bottled gas heater calle-Première instead. Thomas I Webster is raising output of flu products; but Hufcor (Part tions) may need two year before it contributes usefully.

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MACMILLAN BLOEDEL
Group, through MacMillan
Jardine has taken stake in new
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UK PROVIDENT

The United Kingdom Provident reports a record year for new business in 1976 with new premium income totalling £6.20m, an increase of 27 per cent over 1975. This secured total sums assured of £159.28m, an increase of 24 per cent. Annual premiums of

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Record year for diamond sales should make De Beers sparkle

increased to \$35m from \$30m

The Bank Handlowy notes will have a five-year maturity,

with interest calculated at a percentage point above the six-

month Eurodollar deposit rate (Libor), with a minimum return of 62 per cent for the first two

years and 7 per cent for the remainder. Banque Nationale de Paris and American Express.

minimum of 52 per cent.

the market, although a scheluded SC30m for Banque

Canadienne Nationale has been

withdrawn. The first one to be officially announced is a two-

tranche issue totalling \$80m for

Bank of Canada. An underwrit-ing group headed by Orion

Bank is offering \$C40m of notes

due 1984 and a further SC40m

The issues are to be priced about January 19, and coupons

of 84 per cent for the 1984 bonds and 94 per cent for the

of the DM100m issue it is man-

aging for Sanko Steamship Company of Japan. The seven-year issue will have a 7 per cent

coupon, and the issuing price is

Middle East Development Co. managing the issue, said the notes are priced at 97. The six-year Banque Nationale de Paris notes will carry a coupon a point above Libor with a There were rumours of a considerable number of Canadian steadily falling sales. dollar issues about to come on

By any standard, last year's sales were good but they are even better when it is remembered that it was not a particularly euphoric year and that the much vaunted world economic recovery proved to be

On sales of \$1,500m (a \$50m margin of error either side would be acceptable for while that is a large sum by normal standards it only represents about 3 per cent on my projection, the second-half would be chipping in about \$716m, a small decline on the first half's £784m.

However, translated through to De Beers, the second half is likely to show a larger contribution than the first half on the diamond account. The general trend is for the sale of stones from producers outside the De Beers compared the De Beers camp to be bunched more beavily in the first half with the result that De Beers gets higher margins in the second half as more of its own stones are sold.

At the half-way stage, pre-tax profits were 75 per cent shead of the depressed figures for the same period in 1975 at R251m. For the whole of 1976 profits of perhaps R520m are in sight, which would represent an increase of about 80 per cent on the previous year's R286m. (The actual profit figure will obviously depend not just on the level of sales of De Beers' own diamonds but also the mix of diamonds sold.)

After allowing for effects of the Namibian tax change this could produce earnings per share of about 85 cents (57p) to give a prospective p/e ratio of 3.6 at 206p. After the interim dividend increase from 8 cents to 12.5 cents, a total distribution of 35 cents (23.6p) is pos-

by the Central Solling Organiza- nearer 33 cents bearing in mind tion, the marketing arm of De the capital expenditure required for mining developments.)

The result is likely to be around 12 per cent ahead of the previous record of US\$1,331m achieved in 1973 which was

Mining

South African investments, With perhaps 40 per cent of its shares in overseas hands there is a large potential overhang on the market if worries over South Africa get any worse.
On the other hand, a p/e ratio of around 3½ is about as low as you can get, and with the Dow Jones Index forecast to go through 1,100 and with the profit figures still to come, there is considerable upside potential, while the downside

risk is limited. TANKS

After all the excitement surrounding. Tanganyika Con-cessions last year, the shares are now likely to be somewhat pedestrian performers since Société Générale de Belgique has apparately achieved what it wanted to do—acquire 29.9 per cent of Tanks.

Following the agreement of Elbar Industrial shareholders (those few who bothered to rurn up to the extraordinary general meeting last Friday), Société Générale has acquired part of the Elber holding in Tanks to bring its total holding to just under the mandatory bid level.
Mr Alexander Hood, chairman of both Tanks and Elber, told me last week that as far as he was aware Société Générale was content to sit with 29.9 per cent in Tanks and

would not be launching a bid.
Société Générale was in the
market last year for Tanks
shares but pulled out after it
became too weld known. It is

Record sales in the region sible compared with 28 cents in of US\$1,500m (about £883m) 1975 to give a yield of 11 per considerably below the price of the for 1976 are due to be reported to the distribution may be some of the purchases made in some of the purchases made in the market last year and compares with Friday's closing price at 154p.

key to . e's operation secur The k Genérale's apparently, to secure the barricades around Union by two years of cal risk that now attaches to Minière, in which it is the major shareholder, to make it virtually bid proof. Union Minière is the jewel in the Société Générale empire, but with Tanks having

17.6 per cent of the equity.

Therefore, to make sure that would-be predator did not start stalking Union Minière through Tanks, Société Générale took the precaution of acquir-ing an effective blocking holding in Tanks.

Now we have a nice inter-locking triangle, so beloved of the mining industry.

Selection Trust

A spot of profit-taking emerged on Friday to cut Selection Trust's share price by 5p to 470p, but even so the shares were still showing a gain of 20p on the week as a result of the very encouraging drilling results from Teutonic

To all intents and purposes, ST now has a new mine, al-though the company is not allowing itself to be carried away by the results and further drilling and metallurgical work is continuing. It is conceivable that the go-ahead for development of a mine could come this

Akhough Selection has an ambitious development programme, not too much should be made of possible financing strains, at least as far as Teutonic is concerned. Raising the finance for a high grade, open pit operation in Australia is a considerably different matter to trying to get it for a project in says Zaire. Addition-ally it will be a relatively low cost operation and will produce an early positive cash flow. The shares should continue to perform well.

Desmond Quigley

Mixed feelings on US consumer call for coffee drinking boycott

Getting under way in New York is a campaigo against high coffee prices with a call by the Consumer Affairs Department to stop drinking coffee for one week and thereafter cut intake

by one half. Quick results are not expected. Ms Elinor Guggenheimer, New York City Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, estimates that it will take three months for the boycott to take effect, although it is already reported to be spreading to Boston and Ohio and other states have pledged support.

The Consumer Affairs Department has said that in the New York metropolitan area the retail price of vacuum packed coffee has risen recently by four cents a lb, to an average of

The department expects further increases in the retail price because, it says, some beans are being sold on the commodity markets for about \$3.20 s lb and, in time, these expensive beans will reach the consumer.

According to the coffee trade in New York, the call for a boy-cott has caused coffee con-sumers to increase their pur-chases because it has been coupled with a warning of still higher prices in the near future.

Nor has the campaign met with universal approval. Mr George E. Boecklin, president of the National Coffee Association, does not support it. He has said that consumers are sufficiently intelligent to know when they wish to drink coffee. A supporter is Congressman Fred Richmond, New York Democrat, who said in a tele-vision debate on coffee prices

that he believed that some producer countries were working together to push up prices throughout the world. Certain Latin American counries, including Brazil, had taken advantage of natural disasters to

impose unfair export taxes on

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growers badly affected by the firmed, the export situation 1975 Brazilian frosts and earth. could become tighter. quakes and floods in other parts of Latin America. But he doubted whether growers were receiving full benefit from the

Congressman assertions were disputed by Mr Boecklin, who said that he did not know of any instances where growing countries were conspiring on prices.

Roasters in West Germany have expressed scepticism about the impact of the United States consumer boycott. They have said that they are raising their prices by up to eight per cent from the middle of this month. Trade sources think that further increases are inevitable this year.

They note that prices in Germany have risen by between a quarter and a third since the Brazilian frost damage, but say that by no means all of the extra cost to the roasters has been passed on to the consumer. making it a certainty that prices will go up again this year. Meanwhile Señor Camillo

Calazans, president of the Brazilian Coffee Institute (IBC) has made new predictions about Brazil's next coffee crop, Reuter reports.

He tentatively expects the 1977-78 crop, which will start being barvested in July, to total 13m to 14m 60-kilo bags. Earlier a crop of around 15m bags had been suggested. Señor Calazans would not confirm a Rio de Janwould not confirm a ket be justiced to press report that the crop would total 15m bags. He said that the IBC would be publishing its first 1977-78 crop forecast shortly and it was premature to make any firm estimates. There was no new factor to influence the lower crop ideas,

but from the information he had from the interior, the crop was unlikely to reach 15m bags. heir coffee. Regarding the amount of Taxes were supposed to help coffee Brazil could export during calendar 1977, he said that about 12m bags would be an appropriate amount. However, this was based on the earlier expectations of 15m bags and the lower ideas were con-

He confirmed that Brazil bad started this calendar year with stocks estimated at 20m bags, made up of eight million in IBC stocks and about 12m in private hands. The estimate for private hands was based on IBC financing and included coffee

already sold but unshipped. Apparently the IBC will not suspend export sale registries to safeguard supplies for the home market and traditional overseas buyers, according to Latin American Commodities Report. Other measures will be used to keep exports within the 1976-77 coffee year target of 12m bags. These include further use of the export tax mechan-ism and minimum prices to force Brazilian coffee to ever

more uncompetitive levels. Because the Brazilian coffee IBC's export control options are pressure on exporters to cut back sales, which is why Senor Calazans has ruled out an

New traders in

sugar Gill & Duffus Group and Jardine, Matheson & Co have announced that Jardine, Gill & Duffus (UK), a company recently formed in London to operate on an international basis as traders in sugar, has

commenced trading.
Directors of the new company are: Mr R. G. McFall (chairman); Mr J. G. Curtis; Mr E. G. Pearson; Mr G. C. Snowden and Mr B. M. Teal. Mr McFall is vice-chairmen of Gill & Duffus Group and Mr Curtis is a director of Matheson & Co. the London company of Jardine Matheson.

> Wallace Jackson Commodities Editor

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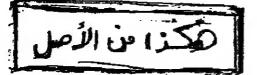
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